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QC to head enquiry on nurse's serial killings

■ Beverly Allitt, a nurse convicted of murdering four children in hospital, was employed although she was suffering from a psychological disorder

BY LIN JENKINS

VIRGINIA Bottomley last night ordered an urgent enquiry into the case of Beverly Allitt, the nurse who was convicted yesterday of a fourth child murder in a Lincolnshire hospital ward.

As Allitt faced the prospect of a lifetime behind bars, the health secretary announced that the enquiry under Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, a former health service commissioner, would examine key issues raised by the case. She said: "It is vital that the lessons of this dreadful case are learnt and acted upon immediately."

Families of the victims and health workers, however, feared that the investigation would not extend far enough and demanded to know how Allitt was allowed access to patients for so long. Hector MacKenzie, general secretary



Allitt: being treated for anorexia nervosa

of the health union COHSE, called for the enquiry to be held in public.

There was particular concern yesterday that Allitt, 24, had been appointed even though the hospital was aware that she was suffering from Munchausen's Syndrome, which causes someone to complain of injuries which are self-inflicted to gain attention. Doctors say she later developed Munchausen's by proxy, whereby the subject injures others.

Between 1987 and 1991, Allitt attended the outpatients' department 24 times with various complaints and took 94 days off sick in 1990, which delayed her qualification as a nurse.

Immediately she had qualified, Allitt joined Grantham and Kesteven district hospital as a state enrolled nurse, where she worked for 59 days in 1991. During that time she killed three babies, the youngest eight weeks old, and a boy aged 11. She also tried to kill another three children, assaulted a further six, some of of whom have been left severely brain damaged.

Mr Justice Latham, who adjourned sentence until May 28, said lessons needed to be learnt from the tragedy and ordered the regional health authority and the department of health to appear before him on that date. "The facts that have been related to us in court are obviously only some of the circumstances surrounding the events of those few weeks.

"It would be of the greatest importance for the public to hear in court from the regional health authority and the department of health as to what steps have been taken and are to be taken in order to determine exactly what lessons should be learnt from events," he said.

Allitt, of Corby Glen, Grantham, had denied all 26 charges and was not in court for the verdicts. She was kept informed by telephone at Rampton Hospital where she is being treated for anorexia nervosa. Hers was the first trial in Britain to continue in the absence of the defendant but with her consent.

Allitt killed or injured her victims by injecting them with non-prescribed substances such as insulin, causing them to collapse with heart attacks, or by placing her hand over their nose and mouth. Many of the survivors were left with mental or physical handicap and some of their families plan to sue South Lincolnshire Health Authority.

David Crampton, of Grantham, whose son Paul was five months old when Allitt tried to kill him with an injection of insulin, gave a statement on behalf of all 12 families, saying: "We are extremely pleased that the criminal proceedings are at last at an end. We hope a public enquiry will examine all the issues and ensure these tragic events are never repeated."

Peter Phillips said he and his wife Sue had been devastated by the needless death of their daughter Becky while her twin sister Katie — admitted to hospital for observation with nothing wrong with her — had been left severely brain damaged. The couple's trauma was made worse because they asked Allitt to be Katie's godmother, initially believing she had helped to save her life. Mr Phillips said: "I can find it in my heart to forgive some of the members of the hospital staff, but I shall never forget. None of us will ever forget what happened."

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CHESS RIVALS FACE TO FACE IN FIGHTING FORM

CHRIS HARRIS



Knight work: Garry Kasparov, left, and Nigel Short attending yesterday's world chess championship launch

Kasparov and Short defy Fide threat

BY IAN MURRAY

NIGEL Short and Garry Kasparov yesterday promised "plenty of fighting chess" during their 24 matches for *The Times* World Chess Championship, which will take place at the Savoy Theatre in London between September 7 and October 30.

At a press conference in London the two rivals correctly predicted each other's moves down telephone lines when they tested the new technology that will allow a worldwide audience to participate in their match. The championship was launched yesterday by Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times*, who said it was being staged using modern technology "in the face of outmoded bureaucracy". The launch coincided with a statement from Fide, the game's world governing body, announcing that the two men would lose their world Fide ratings if they took part in the *Times* game.

Last night neither player seemed bothered by the statement, although it indicates a complete split between Fide and the new Professional Chess Association (PCA), set up by Kasparov and Short as they sought a sponsor for their match. In a bid to deter any other leading players becoming involved with the PCA, the Fide statement said that any potential world championship challenger must abide by its regulations if he wanted to compete for the official title.

Bob Rice, the first commissioner of the PCA, said that Kasparov and Short had agreed a legal framework modelled on the professional bodies for tennis and golf that would last into the future. "The format will be guaranteed long after they have passed their best," he said. "Players of the future will be very happy with what they have done for them."

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US may boycott Russia's Bosnia move at UN

BY JAMES BONE AND MARTIN FLETCHER

AMERICA is threatening to boycott a special meeting of UN Security Council foreign ministers on Friday in an apparent attempt to avoid being forced into sending troops to police "safe areas" in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Russia has called the meeting to win support for a peace initiative that would involve strengthening the presence in besieged enclaves and deploying observers on the border with Yugoslavia. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister, embarked yesterday on a diplomatic effort to sell the plan to Serb, Croat and European leaders and has told security council members he would travel to U[illegible] headquarters in New York [illegible]ther or not America, [illegible] notify the summit. Today, but that [illegible] have an American [illegible] the UN, has [illegible] the members that [illegible] lass of sher, the Security [illegible] they left [illegible] ill not attend.

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with the threat of air strikes if the Bosnian Serbs attacked the safe havens.

The Bosnian Serbs have rejected the plan and their army chief, General Ratko Mladic, has threatened to bomb London if the West intervened, although that remark was disowned yesterday by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader.

While Washington is still refusing to provide troops for policing the safe areas, it has expressed a readiness to provide border monitors, and European diplomats suggest that American troops might be sent to Macedonia to allow 750 Scandinavian peacekeepers now there to move to Bosnia.

Russia is said to have made "warm noises" about contributing troops.

General Philippe Morillon, the UN commander in Bosnia, has formally requested more troops and armaments, saying that some military aspects of the Vance-Owen plan should be implemented immediately. A memorandum from France to the security council estimates there are about 500,000 people under siege in Sarajevo, 200,000 in Tuzla, 10,000 in Zepa, 80,000 in Gorazde, 310,000 in Bihac, 30,000 in Srebrenica and 15,000 in Foca.

The French paper estimates that a brigade of 5,000 UN troops would be needed to protect Sarajevo, and four battalions of 900 men to police the other enclaves.

A majority of security council members already agree on the other Russian proposal: to send international observers to the Bosnia-Yugoslavia border. Western officials believe between 500 and 1,000 will be required, although they need not all be soldiers.

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Danes go to court in bid to delay treaty

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

IN A last-ditch effort to delay Denmark's ratification of the Maastricht treaty, Danish campaigners sued their government yesterday for breaching the country's constitution.

A group of 12 Danes issued proceedings in a Copenhagen court and one of their leaders predicted that even if Denmark votes to accept Maastricht in today's referendum, the government could not ratify the treaty until the case was over. "Even if there is a 'yes' vote, the prime minister will not be able to sign the treaty," Nicolas Fischer said. "The case will take six to 18 months." He added: "We will appeal all the way."

The treaty is months behind schedule because of the difficulties of ratifying it in Britain and Denmark and unlikely to come into force until at least a year after the date originally planned. Court cases threatened by British anti-Maastricht campaigners will delay ratification at least into the autumn and the German government cannot ratify the treaty until the country's constitutional court has settled a case that alleges that the treaty is incompatible with provisions of Germany's constitution. The German court's decision is expected in August.

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Danish prime minister, said yesterday that the Maastricht treaty did not change the relationship between European Community law and the constitution of Denmark. Claims by 50 Danish lawyers that the treaty contained additional powers to overrule the constitution were unfounded, he added, and a clash between domestic and EC law was a "completely improbable occurrence".

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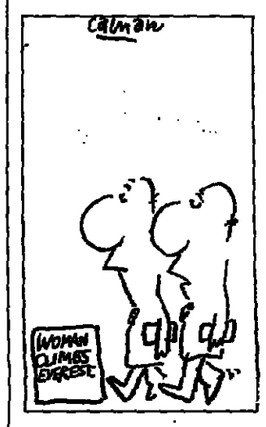
Climbers praise courage of Everest heroine

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND RONALD FAUX

REBECCA Stephens yesterday defied mountaineering experts to become the first British woman to reach the summit of Everest.

Just days after some of Britain's top climbers wrote off her attempt to tackle the world's highest peak after abandoning her first bid last Monday, Miss Stephens negotiated some of the world's most challenging mountain terrain.

Last night she was recovering from her gruelling 17-hour round-trip at the fourth



camp at 26,000ft before setting off down to the second camp today.

Peter Earl, the expedition leader, told *The Times* from the base camp at 17,500ft: "I am immensely proud of what she has achieved. It was totally against the odds and it was a miracle that she got some good weather. She stayed on while everyone else deteriorated."

Right up until her final assault early yesterday, Miss

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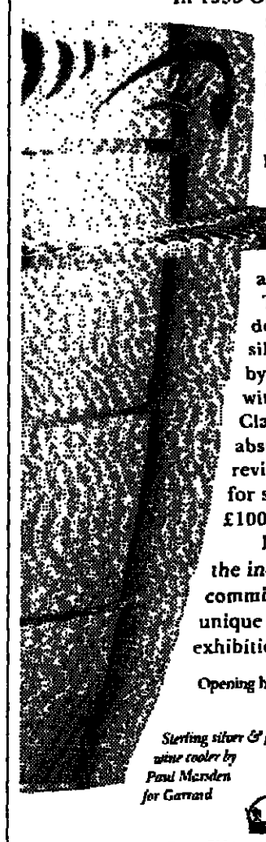
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Show you care: save the Gummer

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Concern mounted at Westminster yesterday as MPs arrived from their weekend breaks to read that Labour's Jim Dowd was enquiring what plans the Lord Chancellor had "to increase income from the sale of magistrates and other court lists".

Helen Jackson was asking about the impact of legal aid changes "on potential female litigants". We never did discover what price a magistrate is fetching on the open market, nor whether one should change sex before or after going to court. The questions were withdrawn.

Questions, however, to Welsh secretary David Hunt went ahead, as did a statement on whaling from John Gummer, agriculture and fisheries minister. Hunt's and Gummer's names go into the hat for the PM's lucky dip. If Labour hecklers were to be believed then yesterday was a revolving door where the minister for Wales met the minister for whales, the first on his way in, the second on his way out.

"Save the whales" has proved a touching slogan, but there was something infinitely more pitiful about yesterday's performance: the opening ceremony in the Save the Gummer campaign.

No-one put it more movingly than the minister himself. Throwing aside his text he told of a fear that haunted him: the Great Whales were protected, so cruel people might instead hunt "small cetaceans", particularly "striped dolphins and harbour porpoises". Ah! So if the Great Politicians — the Killer Lamont and the Great Grey Major — are to escape, there may need to be a cull of humbler swimmers...

Mr Gummer pronounces "porpoise" as *poor-poyze*, and we sensed that the minister saw himself more as a harbour poor-poyze than a striped dolphin.

As if to underline his concern, he unveiled a completely new persona. Gone was the strident, battling Gummer of a thousand *and-I-really-must-repeats*: St John the Evangelist. Gone was the suppressed anger, the aggrieved counting from one to ten with gritted teeth and goggling eyes: St John of the Infinite Provocations.

In came the caring tones of one who loves every living creature so tenderly that his voice drops almost below the range of human audibility. It was the new "listening" Tory whose approach the PM has recommended and whose manner Mr Gummer was adopting in a last-minute bid for survival: St John the Compassionate.

So quiet was he that for much of the time we could scarcely hear him. Whales, we learn, speak to each other; and it struck me that Mr Gummer might have been listening to too many recordings of their strange, muted noises from the deep; and that if we were to launch this small ministerial cretacean into the North Sea, in wet suit and goggles, his love songs might attract the sympathetic interest of the larger sort of lady whale.

When he spoke of his worries for the little minke whale MPs almost wept. Where can you get a Save the Gummer sticker? We must all have them for our cars.

Lilley faces backbench uprising over threat to POs

By Jill Sherman and Nicholas Wood

PETER Lilley will tomorrow face a backbench Tory uprising, which could rival the pits fiasco, over proposals which threaten thousands of small post offices.

The outcry has been triggered by a pilot scheme masterminded by the social security secretary, encouraging people to have their pensions paid directly through banks and building societies. MPs postbags are full, with angry pensioners warning the changeover will spell the end for many sub-post offices.

David Madel, Tory MP for Bedfordshire South West, said he has received 30-40 letters a day in the last 10 days. Another Conservative said the scale of the protest was larger than Michael Heseltine's attempt to close 30 pits. Mr Madel said he wanted a government campaign to reassure pensioners.

In another indication of the scale of the threatened rebellion, a number of worried Tories, including Michael Clark and David Harris, urged ministers to think again. The matter was raised at a meeting of the Conservative 1922 committee last week and at a gathering of the 100-strong "92" group of right-wing MPs last night.

Cabinet ministers now predict that if the government goes ahead with the plan, the sub-post offices may have to be subsidised.

Mr Lilley, who will reply to his critics in a Commons debate tomorrow, is spearheading the drive to encourage pensioners and other benefit claimants to allow their weekly benefit to be paid by automated credit transfer (ACT), as a way of saving over £500 million and combatting benefit fraud. He plans to extend the benefits to be paid through ACT to income support this October and to unemployment benefit on a rolling programme from now to September 1994. Other benefits will be added next January.

The plan is heavily opposed by sub-post offices, who claim that taking away their prime business will result in many of them going to the wall. While social security officials emphasise the plan is voluntary, postmasters fear the trade and industry department will introduce regulations to make it compulsory.

Bill Coborn, chief executive of the Post Office, told last week's conference of the national federation of sub-postmasters conference that "the entire network of post offices is on the line", if the government goes ahead.

Two months ago the social security department set up a pilot study in the North West covering 24,000 people approaching retirement. Three different forms were sent out to three groups of 8,000 people with different amounts of information on payment methods. One form leaned heavily towards ACT, giving scant details on the post office. Although results are not yet available, it is understood the trials have led to many more people being paid through banks.

During the Opposition debate on the future of sub-post offices tomorow, Mr Lilley will disclose that for every £10 million spent on delivering benefit, £5.4 million goes to the Post Office, but only £0.2 million goes to rural sub post offices. A further £1.5m is lost in benefit fraud, through counterfeiting or stolen order books. £1.5m is spent on administrative costs by the social security department.

ROBIN MAYES



Mother's joy: after an anxious wait, Jane Stephens could scarcely believe the news of her daughter's triumph

Climbers praise Stephens' courage



Stephens: went up "like a rocket"

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Stephens' chances of success looked slim. The sherpas accompanying her refused to leave the fourth camp as scheduled on Sunday night after strong winds enveloped the mountain. They eventually set off two hours later and had to assess the weather and contact base camp when they reached the South Summit at 27,500ft early yesterday.

From there she tackled dangerous ridges before reaching the summit just after midday local time. As she did, she yelled into her radio to the base camp: "I'm on top of the world!" She then planted a flag, took photographs and started down.

Miss Stephens, 31, a journalist from West London who took up climbing only four years ago, ascended so fast that the two sherpas with her on the final 1,500ft could barely keep up. "She was going like a rocket," Mr Earl said. The sherpas were so impressed with Miss Stephens that they made her an honorary sherpani, or woman sherpa, yesterday.

Miss Stephens' mother, Jane, said yesterday that waiting for news had been "really nail-biting." When the news came though at 8am, she declared: "I couldn't believe it. It is like a dream come true."

John Major joined in the tributes to Miss Stephens. He said: "It is an absolutely remarkable achievement. I offer her my warmest congratulations."

The mountaineering world greeted Miss Stephens' triumph with unreserved admiration. On Monday her bid appeared doomed after she had to postpone her assault to give urgent medical attention to Harry Taylor, a fellow climber who nearly died after reaching the summit without oxygen.

Chris Bonington, the Everest veteran who climbed the 29,028ft mountain when he was 50, said: "The fact that she spent a couple of nights on the South Col at 26,000ft, came all the way down to Camp 2 again and then summoned the strength to climb back direct to the South Col in eight hours is a great achievement and a good time by any standards."

Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine, leader of the first successful expedition to climb Everest in May 1953, said Miss Stephens had shown great courage and determination. "It is a tremendous achievement, particularly as she has had relatively little experience," he said.

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Murderer Beverly Allitt

Killings fed a craving for attention

■ The character flaws that led a young nurse to torture and murder were in evidence from an early age

By Lin Jenkins

BEVERLY Allitt was an unstable and insecure young woman who resorted to childish pranks and self-mutilation to gain the attention that she craved.

The flaws in her character were evident from an early age. As a schoolgirl, she would turn up in class wearing bandages on a wound she would be reluctant to have examined. As a student nurse she was suspected of smearing the nurses' home walls with human excrement.

Once she had qualified and had responsiblity for the lives of sick children the consequences of her troubled mind and abnormal behaviour would devastate the families of her young patients.

When children collapsed on Ward Four of Pilgrim Hospital, Allitt was always there. She even commented on the apparent coincidences and nothing generated more glee than the chance to accompany one of her victims on the ambulance journey to the special unit at Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham.

'Nothing generated more glee than accompanying a victim to hospital'

She was always there because it was she who administered the torture in her determination to kill. Sometimes it was an injection of insulin, lignocaine or potassium; sometimes perhaps a sinister squeeze, a hand over the nose and mouth.

Her family and friends are at a loss to know what drove her to murder, and doctors can cast only scant light on such rare behaviour. But experts believe that her habit as a schoolgirl of wearing a dressing over an apparent injury might have been early signs of Munchausen syndrome, in which injuries and symptoms are invented to get attention.

Rachel Oliver, 24, her closest school friend, said that her peers would accuse her of faking the injuries but the teachers believed her to be accident prone. "She was always being cut. She broke her wrist a few times. She got a lot of attention from the teachers. They would want to make sure she was all right. It happened all the way through school."

The clinical pattern that fits most comfortably with her behaviour is that of "Munchausen syndrome by proxy". Professor Ray Meadow, consultant paediatrician at St James' Hospital, Leeds, who gave the behaviour its name, has studied more than 300 cases of children assaulted or abused by their mothers, often in hospital, where substances were injected or airways blocked.

Twenty-five per cent of the cases he has seen are of mothers who were nurses, former nurses, or professional carers. The motive is to attract the kudos of appearing to cope and care. The mothers thrive on the attention the child's supposed illness attracts.

Allitt matches the profile. The opportunities were there and she took them. It brought her the attention she wanted, but it also led police to conclude that she was the killer.

There was nothing in her family background to set her on the path to such notoriety. Her mother Lillian, a school cleaner, and father Richard, who works in an off-licence, still live in the village where she was brought up with her elder sister Donna, now 21, and younger brother Darren.

Her antics at school singled her out as a teacher's pet and a weight problem made her unwilling to do sports but she was popular with her classmates. Mrs Oliver recalls Allitt's fondness for children. "She did a lot of babysitting all the way through secondary school," she said.

Allitt was the last of her group to qualify as a state enrolled nurse after training at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital and failed to get a job when she applied there in December 1990. The following February she tried for a place at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, to train as a specialist children's nurse. She was turned down with the prophetic advice that she needed more experience with sick children. Two days later she secured a six-month contract on Ward Four at Grantham and Kesteven.

Nursing was her passion. As she said when interviewed by police: "My nursing means more to me than living." But when upset by repetitive questioning about her competence she said: "I am not competent, far from it. I know I am not a competent. I am one of the bloody crappiest nurses out. I am the lowest of the low."

She repeatedly denied injecting the children, but afterwards refused to answer questions taking up her right to remain silent, a stance she maintained throughout.

Lawyers acting for the families of her victims maintain that Allitt's history of instability gave ample warning to the hospital that she was not safe to work with children. They say that examples of her strange behaviour should have alerted them.

The verdicts: Allitt denied four murders, 11 attempted murders and 11 alternative charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to injure. The jury at Nottingham crown court found her guilty of murdering four children: Liam Taylor, aged 8 weeks, Becky Phillips, 9 weeks, Claire Peck, 15 months, and Timothy Hardwick, 11 years. She was convicted of attempting to murder Paul Crampton, aged 4 months, Bradley Gibson, 5 years, and Becky's twin sister Katie Phillips, 9 weeks.

'Sometimes she killed using insulin; sometimes it was a hand over nose and mouth'

Allitt was found not guilty of attempted murder but guilty of causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Kayley Desmond, aged 14 months, Henry Chan, 2 years, Christopher King, 5 weeks, Patrick Elstone, 7 weeks, Michael Davidson, 6 years, and Christopher Peasgood, 8 weeks.

She was found not guilty of attempting to murder or causing grievous bodily harm to Dorothy Lowe, 79, and Jonathan Jobson, 15.

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Illness that inflicts pain on the innocent

By Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MUNCHAUSEN'S

MUNCHAUSEN syndrome is not a distinct disease but a symptom of a grossly disturbed personality or even an actual psychosis. In classic Munchausen syndrome a patient feigns real illness and attends one hospital outpatient or casualty ward after another (they are also known as hospital hobos), where they give a convincing history of symptoms that could well be those of the real disease. As a result, sufferers frequently have detailed investigations and often surgery. Some actually damage themselves.

In Munchausen syndrome by proxy, patients use a child as their surrogate, giving doctors an untrue history of the child's symptoms. If necessary the parent — it is often a parent — will substantiate the story by injuring the child, or contaminating its urine or spittle to make the disease seem more realistic.

Patients with Munchausen's often have a history themselves of early physical or emotional battery but treatment is rarely successful in alleviating their feelings of intense inadequacy and unreality. Any underlying psychiatric disease may respond to treatment. Many of the patients with Munchausen syndrome have intense feelings of guilt and feel the need for punishment whether inflicted by themselves or somebody else.

NEWS IN BRIEF

University shocked by student death

Oxford University was in mourning yesterday as police investigated the death of a history finalist who took an overdose of tablets. University authorities are wondering how to deal with a growing number of student fatalities. The fourth undergraduate death at the university since October brought calls for better student counselling and pastoral care.

Police said yesterday that Lei Don Lau, 22, an undergraduate at Magdalen College, who was due to start his final examinations in less than a fortnight, took an overdose and telephoned his mother in Singapore, who alerted a family friend at another college. He discovered Mr Lau unconscious but medics were unable to revive him.

£17m cheques haul

Eight men from south Wales were charged with conspiracy after police uncovered allegedly forged travellers' cheques with a face value of more than £17 million, the biggest such haul in Europe. Officers uncovered rolls of $50 cheques when they swooped on Angel Printing in Ystrad Mynach, near Caerphilly, and Owl Prints, in Cardiff's docklands.

Ulster gunman shot

A gunman was shot and wounded by a soldier after an armed attack on a Sinn Fein office in north Belfast. Police said that the soldier fired a single shot from an observation post on top of a block of flats as the gunman fled. The man was arrested and taken to hospital with a chest wound. No-one was hurt in the attack on the Sinn Fein office.

Stephens misses Lear

Robert Stephens will miss the eagerly awaited opening of the Royal Shakespeare Company production of *King Lear* tonight because of a foot infection. The actor went into hospital yesterday and was put on intravenous antibiotics. His understudy, Christopher Robbie, will take the title role at Stratford-upon-Avon.

Trelford offered post

Donald Trelford, editor of *The Observer*, has been asked to set up a newspaper in South Africa with the African National Congress. He is to consider the move when control of his paper passes to *The Guardian*. Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, which has sold *The Observer* to *The Guardian*, made the offer at a Johannesburg press conference.

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Tory MPs demand change on rail sell-off

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

MINISTERS moved yesterday to quash speculation that rail privatisation is next for a government U-turn.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, rejected demands from some Tory MPs for a key concession over the bill, which returns to the Commons on Monday. Sir Keith Speed, MP for Ashford, says he has the support of up to 30 Tory backbenchers for an amendment allowing British Rail to bid for franchises to run lines. Ministers believe that few of their critics will press their case to a vote.

Mr MacGregor insisted that such a concession would strike at the core of the bill. Downing Street officials said that if BR was allowed to win franchises, that would defeat the aim of transferring services to the private sector. The government emphasised the help it was giving to BR managers to form management buy-out teams to bid against private firms.

Mr MacGregor was meeting Tory MPs last night. Sir Keith had drafted amendments with the late Robert Adley. He said on BBC radio: "I do not regard myself as a rebel — at the moment."

☐ The Rail, Maritime and Transport Union last night lifted the threat of further train strikes over jobs when its members voted by the narrowest of margins to accept BR's offer on redundancies.

Major will give helping hand to industry

By Nicholas Wood and Jill Sherman

AN industrial strategy aimed at preventing another round of boom and bust will be unveiled by John Major tonight when he redoubles his efforts to silence his critics and restore his authority after the mauling of Newbury and the shire hall elections.

As right-wing Tory MPs met Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative party chairman, to demand changes in policies and personnel, the prime minister was preparing for a key speech setting out his plans for building a strong and lasting recovery on the foundations of low inflation and interest rates.

The centrepiece of his proposals will be a "climate of partnership" between government and industry with departments across Whitehall concentrating their energies on lifting the burdens on business and promoting the competitiveness of British industry.

Some senior cabinet ministers were pressing the prime minister privately to go further on the economic front and make clear that Britain would not rejoin the European exchange-rate mechanism before the next election. Kenneth Clarke, the pro-European home secretary, made such a call on Sunday, but there were signs yesterday that he had ruffled some feathers at the Treasury by appearing on territory occupied by Norman

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and the little-known personality disorder behind her short but sinister career as a children's nurse

Shadows of death fell across Ward 4

By Lin Jenkins

■ **Beverly Allitt spent only 59 days on Ward 4. In that time, four children died and several others were left disabled**

CHILDREN collapsed with uncommon regularity during the short time that Beverly Allitt worked on Ward 4 of Grantham and Kesteven Hospital. Four died and several others were brain damaged or physically disabled by the end of her 59 days there.

Their bodies arched in agony and turned blue before their breathing stopped. Some rallied from heart attacks only to have further fits and die.

Post-mortem examinations, and scans and x-rays of those who survived, revealed nothing conclusive. But the events of that brief period illustrated all too clearly that a murderer was at work on the ward.

Liam James Taylor was eight weeks old when his life was snuffed out by a heart attack. He was sick with a chest infection when admitted two days before. But he was not expected to die.

Allitt was one of the nurses on duty. She told Christopher Taylor and his wife Joanne that their baby had been very ill with vomiting and had stopped breathing and would have died at home.

The incident was not recorded by Allitt in the notes, nor did she tell Margaret Geeson, the senior staff nurse on the ward. The infant, in a pattern which was to become frighteningly familiar, rallied only to deteriorate again.

Liam was christened shortly before he died. John Emery, Emeritus Professor in paediatric pathology, who later examined all four deaths at the hospital, said asphyxiation of babies was very easy. "It is a horrible thing to see but it is almost a confidence trick. It leaves no marks whatsoever."

THE VICTIMS

Eleven days later Timothy Hardwick, then aged 11 but with a mental age of three to four months, was admitted from Newark Hospital with convulsions and epilepsy. He had been in foster care since he was seven months old and at a special school for ten years. He could hear but not communicate. He could see a little but not understand what he saw. He was a child totally dependent upon the efforts of others.

Allitt was asked to care for him and summoned a staff nurse, Mary Reet, saying she was worried about his breathing. He collapsed and died soon afterwards.

Dr David Fagen, a Home Office paediatric pathology consultant, said: "I am very deeply suspicious that this child received an injection of non-therapeutic substances."

What that was no one knows. Allitt had been alone with the child.

Kayley Desmond too suffered unexpected cardiac arrests. Once again Allitt was with the child at the time, prompting another nurse, Amanda Poole, to ask Allitt if she was all right since she was always present when the unlikely attacks occured.

The scene at the hospital was familiar with cries for the crash team, resuscitation, oxygen, caridac massage, examinations, drips and injections. The system for dealing with such collapses, rare even in the experience of those with 20 years on children's wards, was becoming routine.

Kayley, 15 months, had a history of medical complaints but when admitted to hospital her condition was not life threatening. X-rays were taken after her first collapse and a pocket of air found in her right armpit. After her second collapse she was tranferred to the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham. She lived but her development is now impaired.

Allitt's leave coincided with the admission of Paul Crampton, aged five months. He responded to treatment for bronchiolitis and was soon to be discharged when she was dispatched to awaken and feed him. Once again a child in her care deteriorated. She suggested a test for blood sugar level despite no history of diabetes but the results were normal. A second later test showed he had a low blood sugar level.

The chance of a medical fluke was ruled out when the same thing happened three times. His mother Kath described him as being lethargic, grey and clammy. "He looked lifeless," she said. She was right. Without immediate help he would have died since he had been injected with an adult dose of insulin. Fortunately he was transferred to Queen's and survived.

The collapse of two other children was followed five days later with the murder of Becky Phillips, a nine-week-old premature baby whose twin sister Katie was left seriously brain-damaged after being admitted to the same ward for observation. Ironically, Susan Phillips befriended Allitt, thanked her for saving Katie's life and asked her to be a godmother.

The fourth child murdered on Ward 4, Claire Peck, aged 15 months, was admitted with asthma but collapsed twice while in Allitt's care. Tests found lignocaine, an anaesthetic drug also used for cardiac arrest victims, in her blood. According to ward records, and the evidence of nurses, she had not been given the drug.

Claire was handed to her mother, Susan Peck, when resuscitation attempts failed. "I sat there holding Claire and looked around to say 'Is that it?' I knew she was dying but did not know if she was going to die in my arms or if it had already happened.

"I just wanted some help. Everybody either looked away or looked at the floor but Allitt just stood there. I will never, ever forget it. She was just staring, staring, staring at me."



Betrayed: Susan Phillips, with her daughter Katie being cuddled by Allitt, who was asked to be godmother

Pattern of women who kill

FEMALE murderers are few in number, and of those people who commit multiple homicide women make up only 9 per cent (Lin Jenkins writes).

Studies to discover how women multiple killers differ from men have found that the examples in England fit a pattern.

Mark Gresswell, a psychologist at Rampton hospital, and Dr Clive Hollin, senior lecturer at Birmingham University, studied female multiple killers from 1982 to 1991 and found that they used far less violent means than most men.

Nearly all the subjects in the study killed their own children, usually because they felt they or their children were threatened.

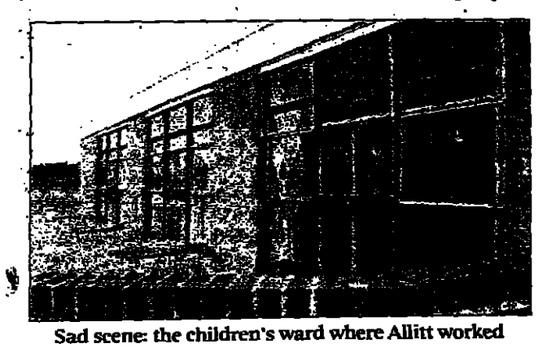
Medical experts divide multiple killers into categories according to their motives and actions. Serial killers murder unrelated people over an extended period. Pseudo-commandos have a fascination for weapons and kill mainly strangers before turning the gun on themselves.

Family annihilators, the most common, kill members of their family and often commit suicide.

Terrorists, criminals who kill in the course of crime, and gangsters who kill for financial gain make up the list.



Victim: Patrick Elstone was left with cerebral palsy



Sad scene: the children's ward where Allitt worked

Family had asked killer to be twin's godmother

THE parents of two sets of twins are constantly reminded of the actions of Beverly Allitt (Lin Jenkins writes).

After Peter and Susan Phillips' premature daughter Becky died, they placed her twin, Katie, in the same care for observation, only to see her left permanently brain-damaged. They were so impressed with the young nurse's concern in the hours before Becky's death and after Katie collapsed that they became firm friends with Allitt. "I thanked her for saving my daughter's life," Mrs Phillips

THE PARENTS

said. "I asked if she would be her godmother and she accepted."

When bailed by police for the attempted murder of Paul Crampton, she told the couple that she a scapegoat for a doctor's error. They were so concerned for her that they arranged a meeting with friends who were private detectives. Allitt said that she knew little about insulin.

Two days after the meeting, Allitt took Katie out. She ran back minutes later to say that Katie was having a fit. When a doctor arrived, she walked off saying that she had to meet someone. Katie spent four days in hospital.

For Robert and Hazel Elstone the fact that Patrick and Anthony, now 2, are identical twins is a mixed blessing. The antics of Anthony are a constant reminder of what Patrick might have been, had he not suffered in Allitt's care.

"Patrick is slower than his brother," Mrs Elstone, of Grantham, said. "He has mild cerebral palsy down the right side of his body. He has not much balance. His right hand is already clenched in a fist. He needs physiotherapy, portage, speech therapy."

The two couples stand to gain the highest awards from the civil actions being taken against South Lincolnshire Health Authority.

Relatives seek cash for brain-damage victims

By Lin Jenkins

COMPENSATION of up to £1 million is being claimed for the children who were brain-damaged during their stay at Grantham and Kesteven District Hospital.

Nine families have so far instituted proceedings against South Lincolnshire Health Authority for negligence.

The parents of children who died can claim only up to £3,500 because the law that raised the maximum claim for the death of a child to £7,500 came into force after the deaths.

All the families will ask Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to set up a public enquiry into the events of those few short weeks. They say that the collapse of so many children from cardiac or respiratory failure should have prompted an earlier investigation by the hospital. Experienced nurses on the ward all said later that they had experienced only one or two such collapses during their careers.

COMPENSATION

One parent said: "We feel it was reasonable for them not to think that a criminal was at work, but they should have started looking for some cause."

They are calling for the public enquiry to ensure that lessons are learned. Issues they believe should be subject to scrutiny are the delay in identifying the pattern of deaths, the supervision and management of drugs, the children's ward in general and the grounds on which Allitt was employed, given what was known about her background.

Allitt has been included in the legal actions since the health authority would not accept financial liability for her criminal acts.

Boy's illness unexplained

THE mother of Jonathan Jobson, a boy who collapsed, unable to see, at the time Beverly Allitt was living with the family while on police bail, is still mystified about the events of those weeks (Lin Jenkins writes). Allitt was cleared of attempting to murder Jonathan and of causing him grievious bodily harm with intent.

Eileen Jobson says that as Jonathan lay on the ground close to a stall at Whittlesey market, near Peterborough, Allitt turned to her and said: "Is he dead? He looks dead."

Mrs Jobson vividly recalls the day. "I'm afraid I screamed at her: 'For God's sake Beverly, please help me. You are a trained nurse. What can I do?' I looked. I really did think Jonathan was dead. I could not see him breathing. I felt a surge of panic."

MYSTERY

Allitt, she remembers with alarm, did nothing. "She was so detached as if it had nothing to do with her at all. She just stood there."

The incident was the culmination of a series of unexplained events which overtook the family once the friend of their daughter Tracey, who is a nurse, moved in after being bailed by police following their investigation at Grantham and Kesteven Hospital.

Mrs Jobson was suspicious, but Tracey assured her that her fears were unfounded. Jonathan, 15, began to develop a craving for chocolate and have dizzy spells about one month after Allitt moved in — a sign, the court was told, of excessive insulin. He was spending up to £3 a day on chocolate. He told police: "I got irritated and shouted at my mother if she did not let me have any." The court was told that on the day of the trip to the market he was given a glass of squash by Allitt before they left home.

Later he felt sick and had a headache. "Suddenly the light faded and I could not see. The next thing I remember I was on the floor." He went to hospital but could not say why he felt so unwell.

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King of games throws down gauntlet to video world

BY IAN MURRAY

MILLIONS of enthusiasts in up to 55 countries will be able to follow *The Times* World Chess Championship and tens of thousands will have the opportunity of matching their skills against the two grandmasters as they play.

The 24 games of the championship between Garry Kasparov, the reigning champion, and Nigel Short, the first British challenger this century, are to be played at the Savoy Theatre between September 7 and October 30 for a record purse of £1.7 million.

Only 1,000 seats will be available to watch each match, but for the next two weeks readers of *The Times* will exclusively be able to obtain bonds for them, along with the right to participate in the Predict-a-move contest which offers cash prizes and the opportunity to play against the contestants. Introducing the championship programme yesterday, Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, said: "This is a great day in the history of a very great game. *The Times* World Chess Championship has all the elements of an epic — a British challenger for the world crown, staged next to the historical home of chess, with innovations in marketing and technology, in the face of outmoded bureaucracy."



At yesterday's press conference Rodney Large, chief executive of Telechess World Promotions, said that in partnership with Channel 4 there would be 60 hours of chess shown over the nine weeks that the matches were being played. "You will even be able to hear the players' heartbeats while they play," he said.

"The aim is to unzip the adrenalin. We want to open up a new market for chess and make it attractive to children instead of all those mindless games."

Peter Schouten, head of Telechess World Promotions, said the new technology was being used for the first time with the match and would continue the historic process of democratisation in which chess had always played a role.

"The whole world can participate in what is going on," he said. "Technology means that the oldest sport in the world is going to be the most modern."

The match should mark the start of a new era in chess, with professional players competing regularly in tournaments around the world, leading up to a PCA championship every two years. Public interest will be roused by the introduction of speed chess games on television, which will ensure a result and add excitement in the way that one-day cricket breathed new life into the British summer game.

The Predict-a-move system is also likely to become a permanent feature on television alongside these exhibition matches, with big-value prizes.

Although Fide, the world governing body, has disowned the match, the two players are acknowledged to be the best in the world. Kasparov was the youngest world champion at the age of 22 and has since won virtually every game in which he has competed. Short defeated all the other leading players to challenge for the match, including Jan Timman of Holland and Anatoly Karpov of Russia, who are now to play for the title recognised by Fide.

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CHRIS HARRIS



Sparring partners: Garry Kasparov, left, the reigning champion, and Nigel Short, the first British challenger this century, at yesterday's championship press conference

Computer link will allow world audience to predict every move

■ **Enthusiasts can pit their skills against the championship contenders through the telephone and television networks**

THE application of the most modern technology to one of the oldest known games will allow chess enthusiasts around the world to play alongside Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov as they contest the world championship in London (Ian Murray writes).

The idea is to give people the chance of predicting the next move of each player. There will be money prizes, but the top award for the most correct predictions over the 24-game series will be a trip to London after the championship to play the winner.

All this will be made possible by linking the technologies of television and telephone through a system known as Predict-a-move. Those taking part log their prediction with a central computer which awards a point for each correct forecast.

The technology, involving voice-interactive computers linked via satellite with Teletext, ensures that a participant anywhere in the world knows the latest state of play and can rely on forecasts being accurately recorded and points logged. Participants are allotted a personal identification number (pin), which they must use each time they make a prediction. The first 1,000 pins will be advertised and available on subscription before the match starts on September 7.

Subscribers will have guaranteed access to a line into the central computer, even at peak periods. They will benefit from lower rate calls during play. It will take a maximum of 45 seconds on the line to make a prediction. Otherwise a pin can be obtained at any stage by ringing the Predict-a-move premium rate number, which will be announced later.

When the match begins, participants will need to know the exact state of play. In countries with a high teletext penetration, exclusive pages will be organised carrying a board of the game. Moves will be recorded as soon as they are made. In some countries live coverage may be available, with a small symbol flashed on to the screen of other programmes whenever a move is made. Some radio stations are being asked to participate and a limited number of players will be able to receive a fax service.

To make a prediction, participants can ring the special number, dial in their pin and dial in the numbers of the predicted move. Since telephones do not have letters, all squares will be given numbers instead. These will be shown on the teletext screens.

Before the prediction is recorded, the voice computer answering the call will repeat the number and ask for verification. Once this is given the move is logged against the participant's pin and a correct prediction will score one point.

Inside the Savoy Theatre, where the match is being played, the audience will have free access to Predict-a-move game. A computer will work out the most popular moves in each continent and flash them on to a screen inside the theatre. It will thus be possible to see if the players make a predictable move or one which takes the world by surprise.

Festival aims to attract teenagers

THE first London Chess Festival is to be staged in September and October while the world championship match is being played at the Savoy Theatre. The aim is to attract new players to the game, particularly teenagers.

Educating people in the game is a prime purpose of the festival. "We want to use the opportunity of the world championship match to interest a mass audience," Raymond Keene, *The Times* chess correspondent, said yesterday.

Plans include bringing at least 50,000 children from hundreds of schools to London for learn-to-play events with grandmasters at the Cambridge Theatre. Adults also will be encouraged to take part at the Cambridge in cheap five-day courses based on Keene's book, *Chess for Absolute Beginners*.

More advanced players will be able to join groups of about 100 for four-day courses with grandmasters at the Strand Palace Hotel, where there will also be individual coaching from some of the world's best players for small group sessions of advanced players.

The search will start for the youngest and best chess players in Britain and could include competitions for groups under six to find the grandmasters of tomorrow.

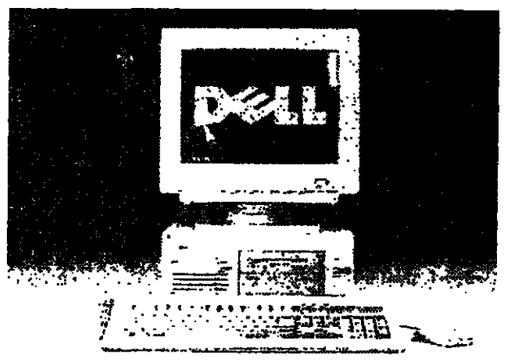
The festival will include many opportunites to watch leading players demonstrate off-beat but exciting forms of chess, including blindfold, blitz, rapid play and speed tournaments.

There will be inter-school competitions, simultaneous displays by grandmasters against 30 or more opponents and a "chessathon", probably at Covent Garden, which will include talks, matches and a living chess game using people as pieces.

Non-players should also be able to enjoy the festival. Negotiations have started for a revival of the concert version of Tim Rice's musical *Chess*, and a chess film festival is being planned.

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In black and white, 200 years of news

BY IAN MURRAY

SPONSORSHIP of the Kasparov-Short match is in line with a *Times* tradition of making the game modern and newsworthy which goes back nearly 200 years.

It was on September 2, 1795, that *The Times* carried an obituary of François-André Philidor, the best player of his age and author of the most influential book on the modern game, who survived the French revolution only to die of cold in London.

In the 1880s Samuel Tinsley was appointed as the paper's first chess editor. A self-educated man who founded a publishing company with his two brothers, his playing strength increased in his middle age and he became a chess professional, specialising in simultaneous displays. Tinsley's column was highly popular with readers but interfered with his ability to play in master events, because he had to report on them.

By 1922, *The Times* had become so closely linked with world class chess that it was involved with José Capablanca, the Cuban master, in creating what became known as the London Statutes, which set out the rules under which championship matches were played.

These lasted until 1946, when the international chess federation Fide took over organising games as the new world governing body, with minor modifications it retained most of the old regulations.

Sir Stuart Milner-Barry was in charge of the paper's chess coverage through the 1930s and the second world war. He later became a member of the English Olympic chess team and president of the British Chess Federation. Still a strong player, Sir Stuart was 82 when he played an important part in winning the counties chess championship for Kent.

Sir Stuart was succeeded as chess correspondent at *The Times* by Harry Golombek, whose ability to bring the game to life in his columns inspired many generations of young players over the 40 years he held the post before retiring.

He played in nine Olympiads, won the British title three times and was made an honorary grandmaster in 1985. Golombek it was who persuaded *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* to sponsor the British Schools Chess Championship and, for several years, Britain's premier chess tournament at Hastings. He served for over 30 years on the Fide commission which controls the laws and rules of the game.

His successor, Raymond Keene, won the British championship once and is an international grandmaster. His particular skill, however, has been in organising matches and chess events, notably in 1984 when he took only a fortnight to stage a match in London between the Soviet Union and the Rest of the World.

In sponsoring the match between Short and Kasparov, *The Times* is opening the way forward for the game into the technological future, involving a worldwide audience in the game through television and telephone while creating a sound financial foundation to support the best professional players.

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BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT



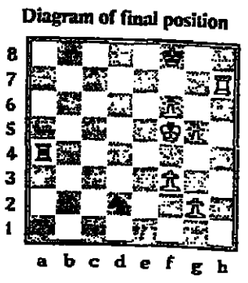
The young Indian Vishy Anand distinguished himself in last week's Euwe Memorial in Amsterdam by his superb grasp of intricate tactics. In the following win his queen sacrifice on move 39 is particularly fine.

White: Vishy Anand
Black: Jeroen Piket
Amsterdam 1993

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5	33	Rc1	d5
2	Nf3	Nc6	34	Bxb5	Bxb5
3	Bb5	a6	35	Nxb5	d4
4	Ba4	Nf6	36	Rc7	Qa6
5	0-0	Be7	37	Rxe7	Qxb5
6	Re1	b5	38	Ng4	Nc4
7	Bb3	d6	39	Bh6	Nxg4
8	c3	0-0	40	Bxg7+	Kg8
9	h3	Na5	41	Qc1	Qxb4
10	Bc2	c5	42	Bf6	Kf8
11	d4	Qc7	43	hxg4	Qd2
12	Nbd2	cxd4	44	Qxd2	Nxd2
13	cxd4	Bd7	45	Rd7	Ra5
14	Nf1	Rac8	46	f3	Nc4
15	Ne3	Nc6	47	g5	Ra1+
16	d5	Nb4	48	Kh2	Ra6
17	Bb1	a5	49	Rc7	Ne3
18	a3	Na6	50	Bg7+	Kg8
19	b4	Ra8	51	Bxe5	d3
20	Bd2	Rfc8	52	Bc3	d2
21	Bd3	axb4	53	Bxd2	Nf1+
22	axb4	Qb7	54	Kh3	Nxd2
23	Nh2	Nc7	55	f6	Ra1
24	Nhf1	Rxa1	56	Kg4	Rg1
25	Qxa1	Nb5	57	Kg3	Rh1
26	Nc2	f5	58	Kf4	Rh3+
27	exf5	Nxd5	59	Ke5	Ra4
28	Nfe3	Kh8	60	Rg7+	Kf8
29	Bf1	Nhf6	61	Rxh7	Black resigns
30	Rd1	Nb6			
31	Na3	Ra8			
32	Qb2	Bc6			

Diagram of final position



The Times British Schools Chess Championship

The quarter-final results were: Haberdashers Askes, Elstree beat St. Olaves School, Orpington; Royal Grammar School, Newcastle beat the King's School, Grantham; Truro School beat Arden School, Solihull while Manchester Grammar School beat St Columbs College, Derry.

The four winning teams will contest the semi-finals and final at London's Charing Cross Hotel on July 1 and 2.

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Union leaders' pleas for peaceful protest ignored as Dundee strike enters third month

30 arrested in Timex picket line violence

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

The resolve of strikers will be tested now that management of the US-owned factory can selectively re-employ sacked workers

TWO policemen were injured and 30 demonstrators arrested yesterday as more than 2,000 people gathered outside the Timex factory in Dundee in the most violent picket-line protest seen in Britain since the mid-1980s.

The demonstrators had gathered outside the American-owned factory to mark the ninetieth day of an increasingly bitter strike. Calls by local union leaders for a peaceful demonstration were ignored and trouble broke out when the buses, carrying replacements for the 343 workers sacked on February 17, arrived at 6.30am. Although the buses had arrived an hour earlier than usual, 1,000 demonstrators surged forward in an attempt to prevent them entering, there were struggles with police and several arrests were made.

The protesters included a large number of members of the Socialist Workers Party and Scottish Militant Labour. Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, later joined the picket where he condemned the TUC's handling of the dispute.

Tayside police said 500 officers were at the scene of the protest, the largest and most violent so far in this dispute. A barrier of police officers, three deep, lined the bus route. Two officers were taken by ambulance to Dundee Royal Infirmary, where they were treated for head injuries. Their condition is not considered serious and both were allowed home.

The dispute is entering a crucial phase and the sacked workers are likely to find their solidarity severely tested over the coming days. From now on the Timex management can selectively re-employ sacked workers and Peter Hall, the factory's managing director, has said that he is keen to employ another 230 workers. A statement is expected from the company this week.

Yesterday the Amalgamted Electrical and Engineering Union urged the sacked workers to resist any attempts by the management of Timex to "cherry-pick". Harry McLevy, the regional AEEU officer, said that the union was still convinced it could negotiate a settlement on behalf of the entire sacked workforce, but only if it stood firm. The Timex management has said that a climate conducive to restarting negotiations does not exist.

Mr McLevy said: "We are expecting the management to send letters to workers in the next few days. This really will be the test of the workforce. It's a terrible dilemma for them but I doubt if any of them will individually accept a management offer. Think what they would be going back to. This dispute has got stronger as time has gone on and we are receiving enormous support."

His words were echoed by many of the sacked workers. Margaret Davidson condemned the new recruits, saying: "They stole our jobs." But she said that the sacked workers would not give in. "We've been out for 15 weeks now. If anything it's getting stronger. Everyone is more united."

Bill Jordan, the president of the AEEU, had urged Mr Scargill, who addressed a rally in the city yesterday, to stay away from Dundee while the union was attempting to re-open negotiations with the management. "If you are trying to negotiate difficult waters you do not send for the captain of the Titanic," Mr Jordan said. The miners' leader hit back, describing Mr Jordan as "probably the architect of the ship". He said that the AEEU leader "would be better employed calling out his members on strike and settling this dispute in 24 hours". Mr Scargill also criticised the TUC, saying that it should call workers in other industries out on strike in support of the Timex workers.



Industrial strife: police making arrests yesterday outside the Timex factory after trouble on the picket line

Japanese may help Stonehenge

By John Young

OVERSEAS investors may be asked to develop facilities at Stonehenge, Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, said yesterday. He thought the cash might come from Japan.

Mr Stevens had just announced the withdrawal of a planning application for a new visitor centre at Larkhill, about a mile from the monument. The plan had been rejected by Salisbury district council and was to have gone before a public enquiry.

English Heritage has decided to go back to the drawing board, he said. A public consultation exercise was launched yesterday into eight possible sites, including Larkhill, in the hope of deflecting local opposition and reaching a consensus that would avoid further planning delays.

Larkhill is the most expensive alternative, at £16.5 million, but the cheapest scheme is £13.5 million and Mr Stevens said that the government had no funds available for the project.

MPs have described visitors' facilities at Stonehenge as a "national disgrace".

Detectives scale down horse unit

By James Landale

HAMPSHIRE police are reducing their efforts to catch those responsible for a series of sexual attacks on horses in southern England that has left two animals dead. The unit attached to operation Mountbatten, named after a mare killed in January, is being scaled down from 12 to five.

The last attack in Hampshire was on Thursday, after which a mare and its unborn foal had to be destroyed. An unemployed man in his late thirties has been arrested and is on police bail.

Dorset police reported an attack in Bournemouth on Sunday night. The horse had four superficial cuts to its hind quarters. Police also released a photofit picture of a man wanted for an attack at Ropley, Hampshire, earlier this month.

Twenty-six men have been arrested and interviewed since operation Mountbatten was set up at Alton. One file has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service and two men have been cautioned for their behaviour.

Det Supt Peter Long said yesterday that many of the arrested men had a bizarre and peculiar affection for horses, but in most cases their actions did not constitute a criminal offence. He said that most did not harm the horses.

It was hard to prove a case if the attackers were not caught in the act. "In most cases there will not be enough evidence to pursue a conviction," he said.

The Queen repels boarders

By Alan Hamilton

THE Queen has responded coolly to a suggestion from from her subjects and taxpayers that she should offer guided tours of the royal yacht *Britannia* to help to pay for its embarrassingly expensive upkeep. Opening Buckingham Palace in August, she has decided, is more than enough.

Archie Hamilton, the defence minister, whose department is ultimately responsible for *Britannia*, recently passed on a request from residents of the Isle of Wight, who see the yacht moored in Cowes every year but are never allowed on board.

Britannia spends two weeks at Cowes. The vessel then takes the Queen, via the Hebrides, to her summer holiday at Balmoral. The only islanders permitted to view its sumptuous interior are the mayor of Cowes and a selection of dignitaries invited on board for a brief cocktail party.

The Palace said yesterday said that allowing paying tourists on board was a most interesting suggestion, but pointed out that its primary purpose was to provide a secure base for the royal family to live in, conduct business and entertain while on duty abroad. *Britannia*'s only overseas posting this year has been to convey the Duke of Edinburgh around the Caribbean, although it is expected to be moored off Cyprus when the Queen attends the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in October.

Woman 'feared police had killed husband'

By A Staff Reporter

THE mother of an army officer cadet wept as she told the Old Bailey yesterday how her family was attacked by three policemen who "invaded" their home.

Angela Milburn, 48, said she feared her husband had died when he was flung down the steps outside their house in Chelsea, southwest London.

"Robert fell violently and lay there. I thought they had killed him," she said. "Then an officer flung me on top of him."

Mrs Milburn was giving evidence in the trial of Nicholas Jones, 28, John Walsh, 30, and Jonathan Lehrle, 26, who have denied an affray in June last year and perverting the course of justice at a subsequent court hearing when Francis Milburn, 22, was cleared of assault charges.

It is alleged that the officers stormed into the house in June last year and attacked Mr Milburn, who is now studying at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, after a drinking bout.

Mr Walsh has also denied assaulting Mr Milburn's stepfather, Robert Scott, and Mrs Milburn. Mr Jones and Mr Walsh were attached to Chelsea police station and Mr Lehrle was a member of the 6th Territorial Support Group.

Mr Milburn was studying for the last of his final exams at the London School of Economics. The prosecution alleges he was disturbed by the policemen drunkenly carousing outside his home. When he told them to "shut up" they became threatening. After he went to his front door, taking a truncheon with him, they allegedly burst in and attacked the family.

The case continues today.

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Smoking commuters defy ban in the name of civil rights

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

■ Network SouthEast is preparing to get tough with passengers who insist on breaking new by-laws against lighting up on trains

MORE than 30 tobacco "freedom fighters" hijacked the rear carriage of a commuter train yesterday morning to defy the introduction of a smoking ban. As a Network SouthEast manager gazed at them through a blue haze, the members of Puffs — Passengers United for Freedom to Smoke — relaxed behind their newspapers, lighting cigarettes and pipes, on the 7.25am train from Clacton-on-Sea to Liverpool Street.

The network's Great Eastern division introduced the ban yesterday, claiming surveys showed that it was backed by an overwhelming number of passengers. Smoking is banned on all the network's divisions with the exception of long-distance trains from Exeter and Weymouth.

The claim was dismissed by Sue Grant, 36, a graphic designer, who helped to organise what could be a defiant and expensive last gasp. "I don't want to be known as a woman who can't travel for an hour without a cigarette, because I can. The whole thing is about personal freedom and preventing the encroachment of the nanny state.

"Many passengers enjoy smoking on their way to work because it helps to compensate for bad service and high fares. More often than not, trains are late and being able to smoke is one way of compensating for the delay."

Mrs Grant said that smokers were willing to travel in clearly designated compartments. She claimed that groups of smokers on other Network SouthEast regions had been defying similar bans since they were introduced in January. "We are determined to stand up for what we believe is basic civil liberty and if we are to be prosecuted, I hope they have us all in the dock."

Network SouthEast said that if the rebels persisted, they could be charged and fined up to £400. "We are taking no action at present. We shall wait to see whether Puffs continues to disregard the by-laws," a spokesman said.

He added that passengers welcomed the ban because it meant trains were cleaner. "Very often, people had to stand in non-smoking carriages although there were empty seats in the smoking section. We are very aware of the civil rights argument but passengers who are annoyed and upset by smoke fumes also have their rights. The bottom line is that most of our passengers said they wanted to travel on smoke-free, clean trains."

PETER TREVOR



Empty achievement: BR yesterday took possession of the £130 million Channel Tunnel terminal at Waterloo station in London but no trains will run to it for at least a year. The terminal, which has been described as the single most impressive piece of railway architecture since the last century, has five 400-yard platforms protected by a spectacular snaking roof of toughened glass and prefabricated steel. Although it was completed on time, the trains designed to use it are not yet ready, nor is the tunnel through which they will pass. Its long-term future is already in doubt if, as is expected, St Pancras will eventually handle all Folkestone to London tunnel traffic. The terminal took 30 months to complete and is built on four levels — the track level with its platforms at the top, an international concourse and departures hall below that, an arrivals hall at ground level and a basement car park.

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Families call for new river inquest

RELATIVES of young people who died in the *Marchioness* river boat tragedy asked the High Court yesterday to order a new inquest. They also accused Paul Knapman, the west London coroner who was in charge of the original inquest, of bias and urged that he be disqualified from any future enquiry.

Margaret Lockwood-Croft, whose 26-year-old son Shaun was one of 51 people who died in the disaster in August 1989, is leading the campaign. She is backed by Eileen Dallaglio, of Barnes, south-west London, who lost her 19-year-old daughter Francesca.

Their counsel, Daniel Brennan QC, said that three other relatives who wanted to challenge the coroner's decision not to resume the inquest had had to drop out because of lack of funds.

He told Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Mantell that Dr Knapman had allegedly described Mrs Lockwood-Croft, of Aldershot, Hampshire, in a newspaper interview as unhinged. That, said Mr Brennan "is a patent insult on a relative" and was all the more remarkable from a doctor and a coroner to a member of the press.

He said that Dr Knapman did not deny using the word but could not recollect it.

Mr Brennan spoke of the "terrible tragedy" when the dredger *Bowbelle* collided with the pleasure boat *Marchioness* on the Thames near Southwark Bridge. He said the families of the dead were concerned that there should be an inquest into how their sons and daughters had died.

The original inquest had been interrupted by two criminal trials in which the captain of the *Bowbelle* had been found not guilty of failing to keep a proper lookout. A private prosecution against the dredger's owners had also been dismissed. Following these events, Dr Knapman had decided in July last year not to resume the inquest.

Mr Brennan said that in March last year *The Mail on Sunday* revealed how the hands of 26 victims had been cut off to be used for identification purposes. This discovery had been gravely distressing for the relatives.

Dr Knapman had complained about the article and in an interview with a journalist allegedly branded Mrs Lockwood-Croft as unhinged.

Mr Brennan said that because of his apparent bias, Dr Knapman should step down and a new inquest be held by another coroner. He said there were substantive issues of concern to relatives that still needed to be investigated at an inquest.

The application, which Dr Knapman opposes, continues.

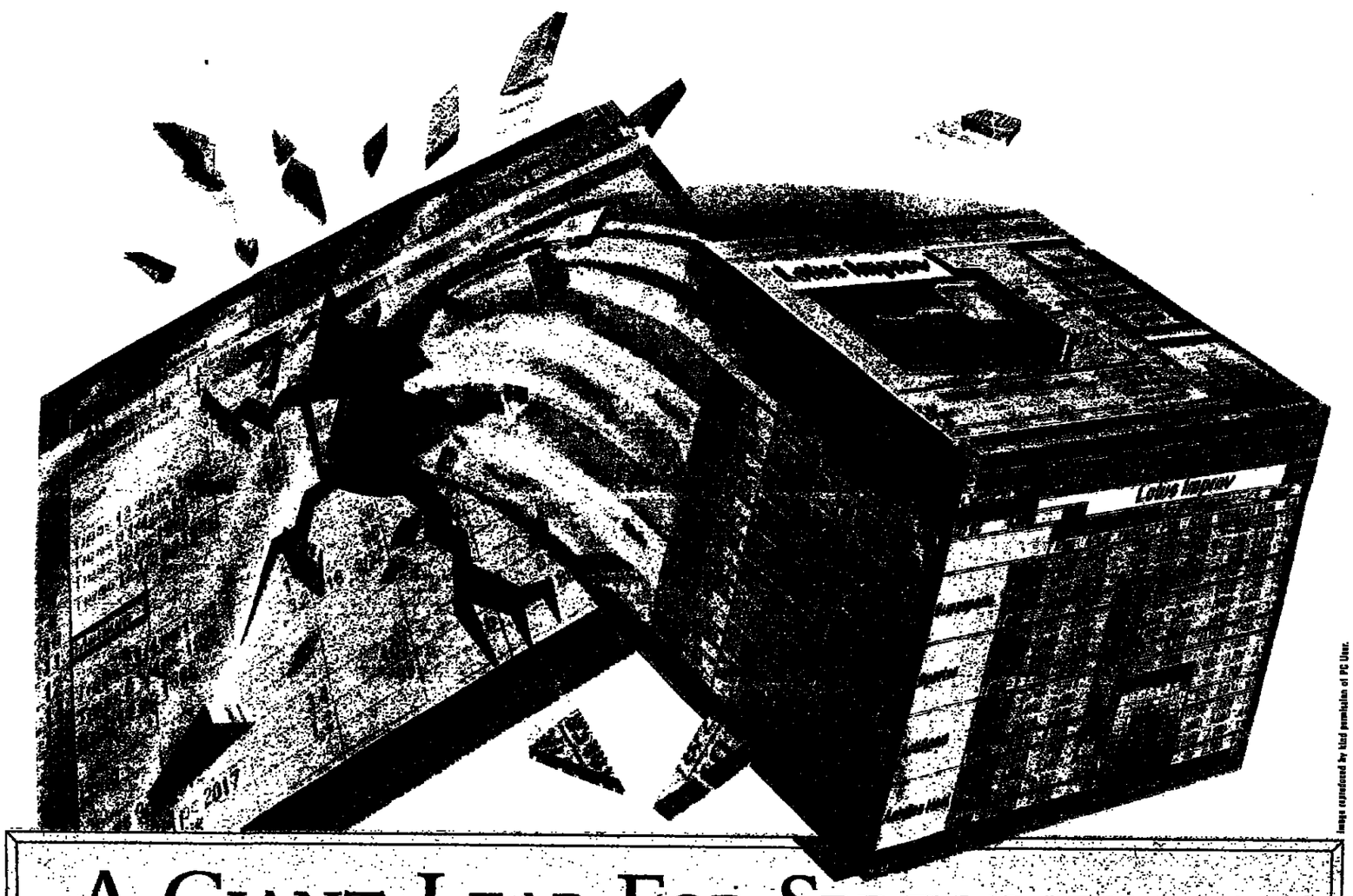


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Nissan fears soccer stadium will put jobs offside

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE North East has been warned of job losses and stifled investment if Sunderland Football Club is allowed to build a stadium near the Nissan car plant at Washington, Tyne and Wear.

The club is planning a 48,000-seat ground that would follow the proposals of the Taylor report on soccer safety. The plan is to help Sunderland host the 1996 European championships. In a region devoted to soccer, the development is accorded much significance.

Plans to make the stadium part of a £120 million development including a 12,000-seat concert arena and retail development have alarmed Nissan executives. The company has warned local authorities that traffic going to the stadium or shops would clog up roads, slowing delivery lorries that are vital to keep assembly lines running.

Nissan can make a Micra hatchback in 10½ hours, about a third of the time it takes the average European manufacturer to make a car. To do that, it operates an advanced system called "just-in-time delivery" in which suppliers have as little as 30 minutes to take parts by lorry to the factory, where the components are taken straight to the assembly line.

If that system were disrupted, the company claims, the chaos would force assembly lines to shut down while they waited for deliveries snarled up in stadium traffic. An independent traffic survey commissioned by Nissan from the management consultants W.S. Atkins concluded "that the arrival and departure of a 30,000 crowd at the planned stadium would lead to paralysis of the local road network".

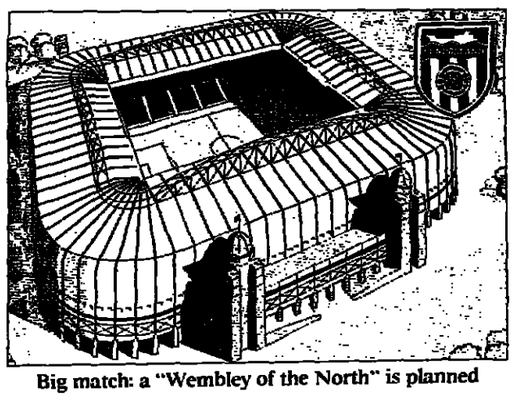
There should be no contest between the industrial muscle of Nissan, Europe's top car manufacturer, and the club, twenty-first in the Football League First Division (the level below the Premier League). The company has lodged objections with the local authorities.

Managers are torn between the need to protect their factory and loyalty to Sunderland football fans, many of whom work for Nissan. The plant was closed for the day last year when Sunderland reached the FA Cup Final and Nissan owns shares in the club.

Les Nicholls, Nissan's director of engineering, said yesterday: "We do not want to stop Sunderland finding a new stadium because we know how much it means to everyone in the area. It is just that we cannot risk everything we have built here. We fear that the development would be so close to us that it would disrupt deliveries and we cannot close down assembly lines while we wait for parts to arrive."

Ian Gibson, managing director of Nissan, which employs 4,800 people in the plant and another 10,000 indirectly in components suppliers, has offered to meet club officials to make clear how badly the development could affect his company. He said: "We were alarmed at the scale and nature of the plans which can no longer be considered simply a football stadium. Our objections are not against the concept of the development but relate specifically to its proposed location on the northern boundary of our site."

Opened in 1986, the Nissan plant has grown rapidly and is this year due to be the UK's second biggest motor manufacturing plant.



Big match: a "Wembley of the North" is planned

STEPHEN MARKESON



On the map: Carys Pugh, battling to keep Rhondda's administrative name, looks over Penrhys in the valley

Protester mines Rhondda's pride

By John Young

FOR more than a century the Rhondda, once the black heart of the empire of King Coal, has stirred deep passions among the Welsh. Now they are rallying to save the name from being deleted from the administrative map of Britain.

When David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, produced his plan for the reorganisation of local government in Wales earlier this year, he might have flattered himself that it had met with a generally favourable response. He had reckoned without Carys Pugh, who has so far collected 76,000 signatures to a petition which she plans to deliver to the minister, asking for Rhondda to be retained in the name of the new authority.

Mr Hunt's proposals envisage the amalgamation of the three district councils of Rhondda, Cynon Valley and Taff Ely into a single unitary authority, Glamorgan Valleys. Mrs Pugh is not just indignant; she is incandescent. "How could he think of such a thing? The Rhondda is the most famous industrial valley in the world, part of our history."

Mrs Pugh, a housewife of Trealaw, Mid Glamorgan, hopes to enlist the support of the Prince of Wales, John Major, Baroness Thatcher, the House of Lords, Welsh MPs and even Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission.

The Rhondda occupies a special place in Welsh history: it is a once-green valley torn apart to fuel the nation's steamships, railways and industrial furnaces, where exploitation engendered a fierce pride and a tradition of political militancy. During the past century, its population grew from 500 to 114,000.

The Welsh Office appears bemused by the strength of feeling. "The secretary of state has suggested names for the various unitary authorities he proposes, but that does not mean it is a final decision," a spokesman said. "Reorganisation will require an act of Parliament, and there will be plenty of opportunity for people to express their views."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire engine driver was over limit

The driver of a fire engine racing to an emergency was two and a half times over the drink-driving limit, magistrates at Grantham, Lincolnshire, were told.

James Owen, 28, failed to stop at a red light and hit a car. He admitted drink-driving and was remanded on bail for sentence.

The incident has led to a review of social club facilities at all Lincolnshire fire stations.

Church boost

Congregations increased by up to 16 per cent in churches which used an interdenominational advertising campaign with the slogan: "Christmas. It's enough to bring anyone to their knees."

Double tragedy

A pregnant woman died in hospital at Ealing, west London, and surgeons failed to save her unborn baby after two cars collided in Southall.

Horse attack

A 17-year-old gelding was slashed with a knife at Bournemouth, Dorset.

PCs attacked

A thief fled after throwing ammonia at two policemen who stopped his car in New Milton, Hampshire.

Mayoress, 17

Mary Henshaw, the new mayor, has made her daughter Laura, 17, mayoress of Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Soldier killed

Lance Cpl Simon Haywood, 21, from Sheffield, died when an armoured car overturned near Bowburn, Durham.

Rare sea eagle found dead had been shot

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

A FLEDGLING sea eagle, one of seven reared in Scotland in the past year, has been found dead with shotgun pellets in it. The death is the latest setback to efforts to reintroduce the birds to Britain.

The dead eagle was found near Mallaig in the Highlands. It was originally thought to have been poisoned but an autopsy revealed three pellets. The cause of death, however, remains uncertain.

Dr Tim Stowe, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds' regional officer for north Scotland, said yesterday: "There are only five successful nesting pairs of sea eagles in Scotland. To lose even one bird is a tragedy.

"Whatever the cause of death, it is deeply disturbing that someone shot at this bird in the short time since it left the nest."

Sea eagles used to be a common sight in Scotland but became extinct around the turn of the century. Between 1975 and 1985 an attempt was made to reintroduce them by releasing 82 young birds on the island of Rhum off the west coast.

Many perished and according to Dr Colin Crooke, the RSPB's north Highlands conservation officer, the sea eagle population in Scotland is now fewer than 50.

"There were ten nesting pairs last year, only five of which succeeded in raising young," he said. "This is the second of the seven fledglings to have been found dead. The other died of natural causes, as far as we can ascertain."

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Tory transport rebel leaves his heir a dilemma over rail sell-off in by-election

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

SENIOR Liberal Democrats are hoping that "the Adley factor" will help the party to pull off yet another stunning by-election triumph in Christchurch this summer. Although a 23,000 Tory majority makes it a far harder electoral nut for the party to crack than Newbury, the political legacy left by the maverick MP, who died last week, poses a dilemma for the Conservatives.

Robert Adley won enormous local popularity during his 19 years as Christchurch MP for his campaigns on national and local issues, notably the government's rail privatisation policy, which he voted against in the Commons.

He always claimed that his stand was a popular one in the constituency, so whoever is selected as the Conservative candidate faces an unenviable choice. Denouncing Mr Adley's opposition to privatisation risks alienating sympathetic local supporters, while striking out against a key plank of government policy would make an embarrassing start to the Tory defence of its sixth safest seat.

If, as in Newbury, a Major loyalist is selected, the Liberal Democrat candidate may sound more in tune with Mr Adley's beliefs than the Conservative rival.

There is further danger for the government in the demographic profile of the constituency. More than a third of the population of Christchurch is over 60, making it the "greyest" town in the country. The by-election comes at a time when the imposition of VAT on domestic fuel is threatening to alienate the pensioner vote, normally a natural bulwark of Tory support in the shires.

However, the electoral auguries are not all bad for the government in this pleasant estuary town, which next year celebrates its 900th anniversary. In the county elections the Conservatives lost 12 seats and control of Dorset County Council for the first time in a century. But in the divisions that make up the Westminster constituency of Christchurch, the Tories held eight out of the ten seats and took more than 50 per cent of the vote. The Liberal Democrats, who do not have a strong local presence, held on to their sole seat. At the district level, Conservative councillors hold 30 out of the 46 wards in the Christchurch constituency area compared with one Liberal Democrat.

The older population and a longer serving local member may also mean voting habits are more ingrained than in Newbury. Eric Williams, a local Conservative-voting pensioner, said he would probably be voting Tory again despite deep reservations over the VAT issue.

Although London is only 100 miles away, Christchurch feels remote from the capital, in contrast to better connected Newbury. Christchurch did not benefit from the mid-1980s boom to the same degree as the M4 corridor communities. Unemployment is 11.6 per cent, slightly above the national average. The problem stems partly from the long term decline in English coastal tourism but also from recent cuts in defence spending. Two of the constituency's biggest employers are the Plessey/Siemens factory in Christchurch and a ministry of defence research centre, which has been gradually run down over the past five years with the loss of more than 1,000 jobs.

Preparations for the by-election have already begun. Colin Dewsnap, the chief executive of the borough council and returning officer on election night, will on Monday meet staff from Newbury for advice on managing a high-profile by-election.

And high profile it will be. Within hours of Mr Adley's death camera crews were already visible on the streets of this quiet town.

☐ 1992 general election result: R. J. Adley (C) 36,627; Rev D. Bussey (LD) 13,612; A Lloyd (Lab) 6,997; J. Barratt (NLP) 243; A. Wareham (CRA) 175. Con majority 23,015.

Unions seek to avoid head-on clash with Smith over reforms

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNION leaders are to meet tomorrow to consider a compromise proposal aimed at averting a head-on clash with John Smith, the Labour leader, over party-union links.

While the private meeting of six of Labour's largest unions will not abandon opposition to the principle of one member one vote in Labour's internal democracy, it is expected to search for ways of avoiding imposing a union-driven and publicly humiliating defeat on Mr Smith. Leaders of six unions — the TGWU transport workers, GMB general union, MSF technical staffs, Nupe public service workers, RMT rail union, and UCW postal workers — will meet in London tomorrow. Leaders in the group acknowledge their opposition to Mr Smith's one member one vote (Omov) proposals for the election of party leader and local candidates, but do not want to be seen to be seeking a damaging confrontation.

Tomorrow's meeting is understood to be likely to favour at the very least balloting individual payers of the unions' political levy as part of the selection processes.

The anti-Omov unions may go further, with support growing for the so-called levy-plus proposals, under which political levy payers would be asked if they wanted to pay a little more to become Labour members at a cut-price rate. This option is increasingly favoured by a wide range of shadow cabinet members. A compromise on these lines would allow Labour to emphasise the increased participation of individuals while maintaining links with the trade unions.

If a compromise is not reached then Mr Smith seems certain to be defeated on a straight vote. An analysis of unions' policy positions and voting strengths shows support for Omov limited to about 900,000 votes, with non-Omov supporters able to muster at least 3.1 million, though a number of key unions have still to decide their positions.

Some Labour leaders are still pinning their hopes on MSF, at its annual conference in Blackpool next week, swinging behind Mr Smith, with the GMB following suit later in the year. However, a deal based on an individual member compromise now looks more likely than a large-scale shift in the voting arithmetic.

Some left-wingers are even arguing that there is a plot afoot to see Mr Smith defeated and for Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, to be elected to replace him and the unions removed from Labour in swift succession. Mr Blair yesterday denied any such moves.

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Market forces curbed

BY PETER RIDDELL
POLITICAL EDITOR

STEPHEN Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury and widely tipped for promotion to the cabinet in any reshuffle, last night sought to distance the Tory party from a dogmatic and over-ideological commitment to the free market.

While avoiding any mention of Baroness Thatcher, Mr Dorrell said in a lecture to the leftish Tory Reform Group that pressure from the left had in the past led the right into "an ideological purity which the true Tory regards as neither feasible nor attractive".

Market economics should be treated as a mechanism for delivering rising living standards, rather than as an end in itself. He emphasised the Tory commitment to other concepts such as social stability, evolutionary change, individual responsibility and the rule of law. "We must not allow ourselves to become the prisoners of the wealth creation process. Economists must know the limits of their craft. They provide the means but that gives them no right to determine the ends."

He said politicians may at times have to overrule economic utility. But decisions to maintain subsidies must reflect a collective political choice about the use of resources and should not be confused with wealth creation.

JOHN MANNING



Tunnel vision: John Major opens the Limehouse Link, one of the most expensive stretches of road in Britain

Ministers' optimism will not make the ERM go away

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The government would like to pretend that the year of Tory splits will end this week. The optimistic ministerial version — expressed publicly by the Euro-enthusiast Kenneth Clarke and the Euro-sceptic Michael Howard — is that the Danes will vote "Yes" tonight, the Maastricht bill will receive an overwhelming majority on third reading on Thursday, we can forget about returning to the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) and the Conservative party can unite around an agenda of promoting a decentralised and enlarged European Community. And we can all go back to a familiar world where the main battles are across, rather than behind, party lines.

The future may not be as simple, or peaceful, even if all goes as ministers hope on Maastricht this week and in the coming months. Ministers can try to kick the ERM issue into the indefinite future on the view that if a problem does not to have to be faced now, why have an unnecessary row? Re-entry would revive last autumn's splits, and probably lead to ministerial resignations. No wonder John Major argued last Thursday that conditions for rejoining "are unlikely to be satisfied soon", while on Sunday Mr Clarke went further than the public Treasury line when saying he would be "surprised if we were back in the ERM by the end of this parliament".

But deferring a decision on the ERM does not mean that the government can avoid having a policy on the exchange rate. The government is under no current pressure to take an explicit view on sterling thanks to the happy combination of the start of recovery, low inflation and low interest rates. Some economists, and anti-ERM ministers, believe there is no danger of underlying inflation accelerating.

However, the official view is less certain. Inflation may be under control now; this Friday's figures for retail prices inflation should be the lowest since 1967. But no risks should be taken since the 1 to 4 per cent official target could be breached in the next 12 months following last year's devaluation and as the economy recovers. That is likely to be the cautious message from today's inflation report from the Bank of England.

In his lecture last night to the Tory Reform Group, Stephen Dorrell, the financial secretary and rising hope of the One Nation Tories, was careful to take as stern a line against inflation as any conventional monetarist, warning of the dangers to the social fabric, economic efficiency and manufacturing.

Some time, probably next year rather than this year, the government could face pressure to raise interest rates to maintain the credibility of its inflation target and avoid a sharp slide in sterling. Industrialists may also be calling again for stable exchange rates.

In addition to economic pressures, the Treasury select committee noted in its report on monetary union last month that "political pressure on the United Kingdom from some of our Community partners to rejoin the ERM will grow". So, while the Major cabinet may not be strong enough to take a decision on the ERM, some British government will have to determine what sterling's relationship will be with other European currencies. The question that was supposed to be resolved in October 1990 will have to answered some time, either way.

PETER RIDDELL

Dockland gets link to future

BY TIM JONES

THE prime minister yesterday opened one of the most expensive pieces of road ever built in Britain.

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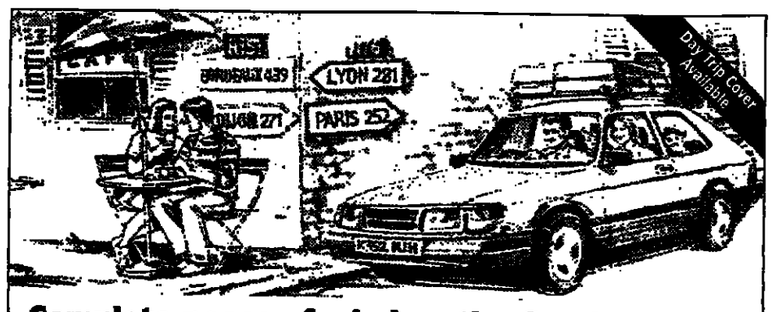
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Converts turn joylessly to the gospel of Maastricht

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

The government in Copenhagen looks as though it is winning its battle to get voters to accept the treaty. Its opponents say they will keep fighting, even if they lose today



At the crossroads: Moses Hansen, a priest and "no" campaigner, leading his followers in front of the Danish parliament yesterday

ALTHOUGH Denmark's four million voters seem ready to accept the Maastricht treaty today in their second referendum, they are embracing the document with little evident enthusiasm.

As television crews from Mexico, Finland and Japan fanned out across a sunny Danish capital yesterday, Danes seemed likely to reverse last year's rejection of the treaty but without displaying any of the zeal normally shown by converts. However, fine weather and determination to be rid of the subject look like bringing out voters in large numbers, perhaps exceeding the 83 per cent turnout at last year's referendum. The government-led "yes" campaign has won a wide and unshakeable lead in the opinion polls by persuading people to vote with their heads rather than with their hearts.

Denmark's vote will add some fresh energy to the long struggle to put the treaty on political and monetary union into force but in an atmosphere of weary reluctance. "European union" remains a dirty word in Danish politics.

"Why should we vote again at all?" Drude Dahlerup asked a rowdy studio audience in an eve-of-poll television debate and received a noisy cheer. Ms Dahlerup is the blonde, T-shirted star attraction of the "no" campaign's "June Movement" and she badgered the shirt-sleeved ministers in the studio with the unease and resentment that floating voters feel about events since Denmark catapulted the European Community into a crisis last June by voting the treaty down by 50.7 per cent of the votes to 49.3 per cent.

Ms Dahlerup and her colleagues are staging a despairing effort to mobilise voters' resentment at being railroaded by EC governments determined to ignore Denmark's first Maastricht vote. Last December's EC summit wrote treaty footnotes exempting Denmark from several of the most unpopular parts of the treaty and seven of the eight Danish parties agreed to relaunch the treaty on "a new basis".

The government's strategy shows every sign of working. The "no" campaign has tried energetically to exploit every faux pas from Brussels but has failed to find a "magic bullet" to puncture the pro-treaty line-up.

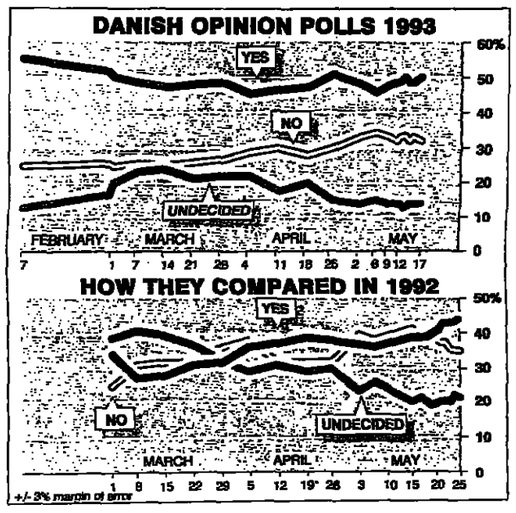
By yesterday, Ms Dahlerup and her colleagues were maintaining that they could still stage an upset with a late swing, but they were talking more and more of the fight that they would keep going after a "yes" vote today. The shock of last year's vote and the debate of the past 11 months have forced Danish ministers to define exactly what the treaty would or would not do to Denmark. "All these things they have promised. We will be there to remind them of their promises," Professor Niels Meyer, a leading anti-Maastricht campaigner, said.

Some of the drama has been drained from the Danish hustings by the unexpected delays in ratification not only in Britain but also in Germany. At the beginning of this year, Denmark's referendum looked like being decisive for the fate of the treaty. But the German government cannot ratify the treaty until its constitutional court clears a Maastricht case and Britain's decision will be prolonged by legal challenges well into the autumn.

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Denmark's prime minister, looked confident yesterday that he would soon be able to take his country out of the firing line. Speaking to foreign journalists, an uncharacteristically bullish Mr Rasmussen laid aggressive emphasis on the importance of political union in the Maastricht treaty, a theme that he seldom labours with suspicious Danish voters.

He fired a couple of sharp asides at Lord Tebbit and other British anti-Maastricht campaigners who have visited Denmark. "I do not think that Lord Tebbit and ordinary [Danish] workers as I know them have much in common," he said. Interventions by British politicians and newspapers, he added, will "not have any effect at all". Niels Helveg Petersen, the foreign minister, said: "I think that part of the British press and the politicians who are trying to win the battle of Britain on Danish soil are in for a disappointment." A stream of British anti-Maastricht militants have been invited to Copenhagen by Danish "no" campaigners. Last week, Mr Petersen attacked the British anti-Maastricht campaigners for interfering in Danish politics. Mr Rasmussen said yesterday that the political union clauses of the treaty would not create a "great monster" but "very pragmatic co-operation" on foreign policy issues, which was vital as Western Europe tackled the challenge of helping Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. He added that Europe for the first time in its history had a chance to create the conditions for secure peace and democracy at home. The period after the Congress of Vienna in 1815 had found stability but not democracy. "We have that double chance now," he said. "We will never be forgiven if we miss that chance."

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Germans may give final treaty verdict

Maastricht opponents may have one more unexpected card to play,
***Roger Boyes** writes from Bonn*

The fate of Maastricht could be decided not by the Danish nation or the British Parliament but by eight German judges.

The German constitutional court has been considering whether the Maastricht treaty runs counter to the democratic guarantees anchored in the German constitution. Since the constitution is being adjusted to counter some of the criticisms, the likelihood of rejection is small. However, if the Danes vote "yes" today, and the treaty is ratified in Britain, the court's verdict might be the last hope of those who want to torpedo it.

It is this vulnerability that has led to the uncharacteristic restraint of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, during the second Danish referendum campaign. Certainly, many Danes in the first referendum believed that the Germans had tried to stampede them into a "yes" vote and that the original Maastricht treaty would have paved the way for German domination of Europe. That was a good reason for Germans, never popular in Denmark, to stay clear this time.

Herr Kohl has been busily preparing the ground for swift European action in the event of a Danish rejection. He held talks in Bonn with Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, last Thursday and agreed that, whatever the outcome in Denmark, Europe should set about promoting firm goals for overcoming the economic crisis. Only that, the two men agreed, could swing popular sentiment behind a federal Europe. If there is a "no" vote, the chancellor believes there should be a quick, informal meeting of all European Community leaders.

The constitutional court ruling, due in early summer, hangs over the chancellor, however. Senior foreign ministry officials consider the court ruling to be a formality, but the legal arguments are fundamental and have not been aired properly in the various parliamentary readings of the bill.

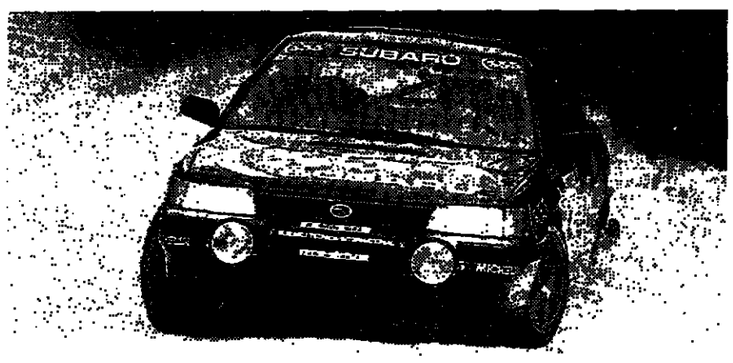
The case was presented to the court by a Bavarian politician and has the backing of the Green Party, some left-wing groupings and the far right. They claim that Maastricht would limit the German constitution's commitment to sovereignty and democracy.

One constitutional judge, Professor Dieter Grimm, has gone on record as saying that to bring about a "change in the constitution of this magnitude, a referendum would be the appropriate method".

Professor Grimm argues that a strengthened European Parliament would not provide sufficient democratic control of the future unified Europe, because it could never be truly representative of the European peoples. "Information and participation are the basic requirements of a democratic system and these qualities are dependent on language," Professor Grimm said. "For that reason there cannot be any broad European discussion."

There are counter-arguments to that line, and they are being deployed by politicians and by constitutional lawyers with pro-government sympathies. Dr Wolfgang Knapp, adviser to Martin Bangemann, the European vice-president, claims that some key functions of the German state are not democratically based and that Maastricht does not therefore represent a great surrender of democratic values.

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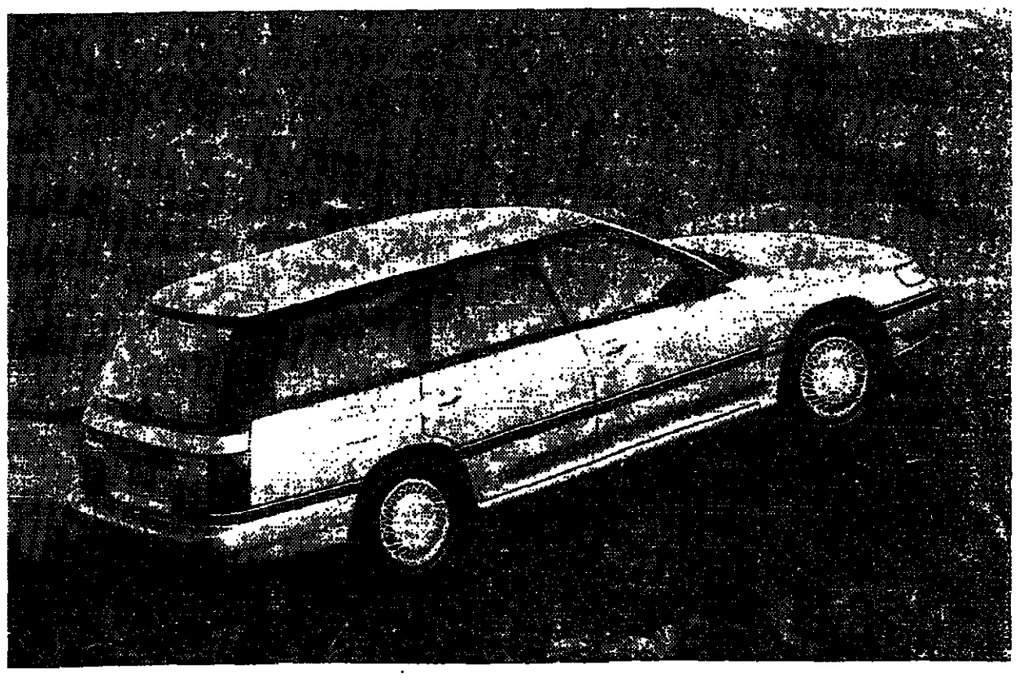
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Bosnian Serbs reject peace plan in hope of Croat deal

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE

BOSNIAN Serbs have rejected the Vance-Owen plan by a crushing majority. First results from their referendum indicated that more than 96 per cent of voters in the first constituencies to report had voted "no". The result is expected to be echoed across the self-proclaimed Bosnian Serb Republic.

Bosnian Serb leaders did not wait for the final result to declare the plan dead and buried. However, far from waiting for the world to react, they are preparing a fresh diplomatic initiative designed to forestall any attempts to impose the plan by force or lift the arms embargo on the Bosnian Muslims.

Bosnian Serb leaders say that they hope to establish a joint negotiating position with the Bosnian Croats and so compel the world, and the Muslims, to accept the reality of the division of Bosnia-Herzegovina. "It would be dangerous for us to stay in an impasse and not to offer anything," Nikola Koljevic, the Bosnian Serb vice-president, said in an interview here, the Bosnian Serb stronghold ten miles from Sarajevo.

"Lord Owen loves his plan, but it is unreal and he wants to realise it at all costs," said Momcilo Krajisnik, the powerful president of the Bosnian Serb assembly. "I hope that peace will not be sacrificed by a struggle for the plan."

General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader, claimed that if Western planes bombed his positions, Western cities would be bombed in revenge.

In the next two days the Bosnian Serb assembly will debate the referendum result and declare the "independence" of its republic. This is a legal nicety designed to eliminate a line in their constitution which stipulates that their unrecognised state is part of Yugoslavia. The Bosnian Serb leadership will then relaunch their old proposition of a Bosnian confederation consisting of three equal Serb, Croat and Muslim states.

While rejecting the plan outright, Bosnian Serbs voted, in a second question, for "an independent state with the right to associate with other peoples and states". Most commentators and, indeed, most Bosnian Serb voters, took this to mean a vote for greater Serbia, but their leaders are too wily to fall into a such a trap with no exit.

Mr Koljevic said that his party would propose what is, in effect, a "new-old" initiative based on the original European Community agreement reached in Lisbon in March 1992. This "cantonisation" plan was agreed by all parties but later repudiated by the Muslims. The Serbs will again offer to preserve the frontiers of Bosnia and to participate in certain central government functions. But they will also demand the right of "condominium" with Serbia. "It will be a sort of divided sovereignty," Mr Koljevic said.

An initiative will be sent to the Bosnian Croats to encourage them to back this proposal. The Bosnian Serbs hope that the Bosnian Croats will join them because President Tudjman of Croatia has talked increasingly of confederation. So far as the Serbs are concerned, the beauty of this plan is that it would keep talks going and freeze front lines, giving them the best of both worlds. A Bosnian state of sorts would be preserved and a greater Serbia and greater Croatia would, de facto, be created. The gamble is that the West, faced with the alternative of sending tens of thousands of troops to impose the Vance-Owen plan, will accept this as a lesser evil.

Mr Koljevic argues that, if talks begin on this basis, then together, from a position of strength, the Serbs and Croats can make concessions to the Muslims. He argues that the best chance of peace now lies in Serb-Croat co-operation. "That must make an honourable way out for the Muslims."

□ *Moscow*: Andrei Kozyrev, Russia's foreign minister, left for Serbia and Croatia on a mission to lobby for implementation of the Vance-Owen plan, describing the referendum result as "disputable".

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Nato assurance

Brussels: Nato yesterday refused to offer Hungary security guarantees it has been seeking, but promised the world would not remain indifferent if the fighting in former Yugoslavia spilled over the border. Geza Jeszenszky, the foreign minister, said after a visit to Nato that he was happy with such assurances. *(Reuter)*



On the warpath: Serb members of the Panthers special unit jumping over a trench during mopping-up operations in a northern Bosnia village

Exiles in Britain reject call to violence

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

Religious and community leaders of Britain's Serb population condemned yesterday a threat by a Bosnian general to terrorise London with bomb attacks.

Despite increasing anger within the Serb community at the attitude of Western governments towards Serbia, they said that those who had settled in Britain would not become involved in attacks. Misha Gavrilovic, of the Serb Information Centre, criticised General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army chief, for threatening that Serbs in Britain would bomb London. He said: "It is counter-productive. We are simply not well organised to do such things, even if wanted to." He added: "Those Serbs who live here and have made Britain their home know that this is not the way to respond."

The leadership of the Serb community — about 30,000 people — is based around Serbian Orthodox churches which provide a focal point aimed at keeping alive their religious, educational, linguistic and cultural heritage. Since the disintegration of the former Yugoslavia, Britain's small Serb community has expanded rapidly with an influx of refugees, economic migrants and those avoiding military service.

Most of the earliest Serb migrants arrived in Britain as displaced persons in 1947-48. Many of the 8,000 who arrived in the aftermath of the second world war came from Croatia, were ardently royalist and strongly opposed communism and Marshal Tito. They found employment in coal mines and as manual workers in northern and Midlands industrial cities such as Bradford, Halifax, Birmingham and Derby.

The Serbian Orthodox church in west London is the centre of the Serb community in the capital, offering education to the young. Around Shepherds Bush, Hammersmith, Ealing and Acton are cafés serving *cevapcici*, a Serbian kebab.

After Tito's break with Stalin, a few Serbs from Belgrade came to Britain in the 1950s. They were better educated, professional people who have assimilated into British life and by and large avoid those who came as displaced persons.

Although leaders of the Serb community reject violence in Britain, they say that international attacks on Serbs are fuelling a growth in nationalism. Mr Gavrilovic said: "They see the West as anti-Serbian and now say they must defend Serbia, but we will put our views across through persuasion."

UN lorries bring out Muslim refugees along 'Death Road'

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT
IN TURBE, BOSNIA

■ Under watching guns, the UN is ferrying the homeless through front lines. The threat of a Serb advance promises little safety

DRIVING down "Death Road" north of Turbe towards the Bosnian Serb front line, every house was shell-damaged, every car, bus and lorry a charred skeleton.

Thirteen United Nations lorries eased their way slowly past the wreckage. They were bound for a meeting place behind the Serb line to receive nearly 300 Muslim and Croat refugees, forced out of their homes by the Serbs in Banja Luka in the north. The refugees had come down through Serb-occupied Bosnia-Herzegovina in coaches. Four British armoured Warriors, hatches battened down, waited at the Muslim front line 300 yards back, ready to move forward rapidly into the no man's land between the two lines at the first sign of any shooting between the Serbs and the British military liaison team controlling the handover of the refugees.

Travelling behind the convoy of British and Dutch lorries to watch the handover, we entered no man's land and almost immediately drove through the Serb lines. We were covered by weapons pointing from three bunkers on either side of the road. Two Serb soldiers with Kalashnikovs and commercial walkie-talkies waved us down.

Barring our path, they talked quietly into their radios



back. They were not hostile, and they were not friendly. It was on this road on November 11 last year that Tihomir "Tuna" Tunukovic, a young BBC cameraman, was killed by Serb fire from the surrounding hills. The road then was in Muslim hands.

As the convoy continued on its way to pick up the refugees, we drove back to the Muslim front line, where soldiers from Turbe and Novi Travnik, armed with Kalashnikovs, M48s captured from the Serbs and anti-tank weapons, were gathered at a house below the road whose walls were pockmarked from constant sniper fire and shrapnel.

The Serbs had agreed to a ceasefire from 8am to 5pm for the refugee handover. The Muslim soldiers said, however, that there had been sniper from Serb positions less than 100 yards away to the left.

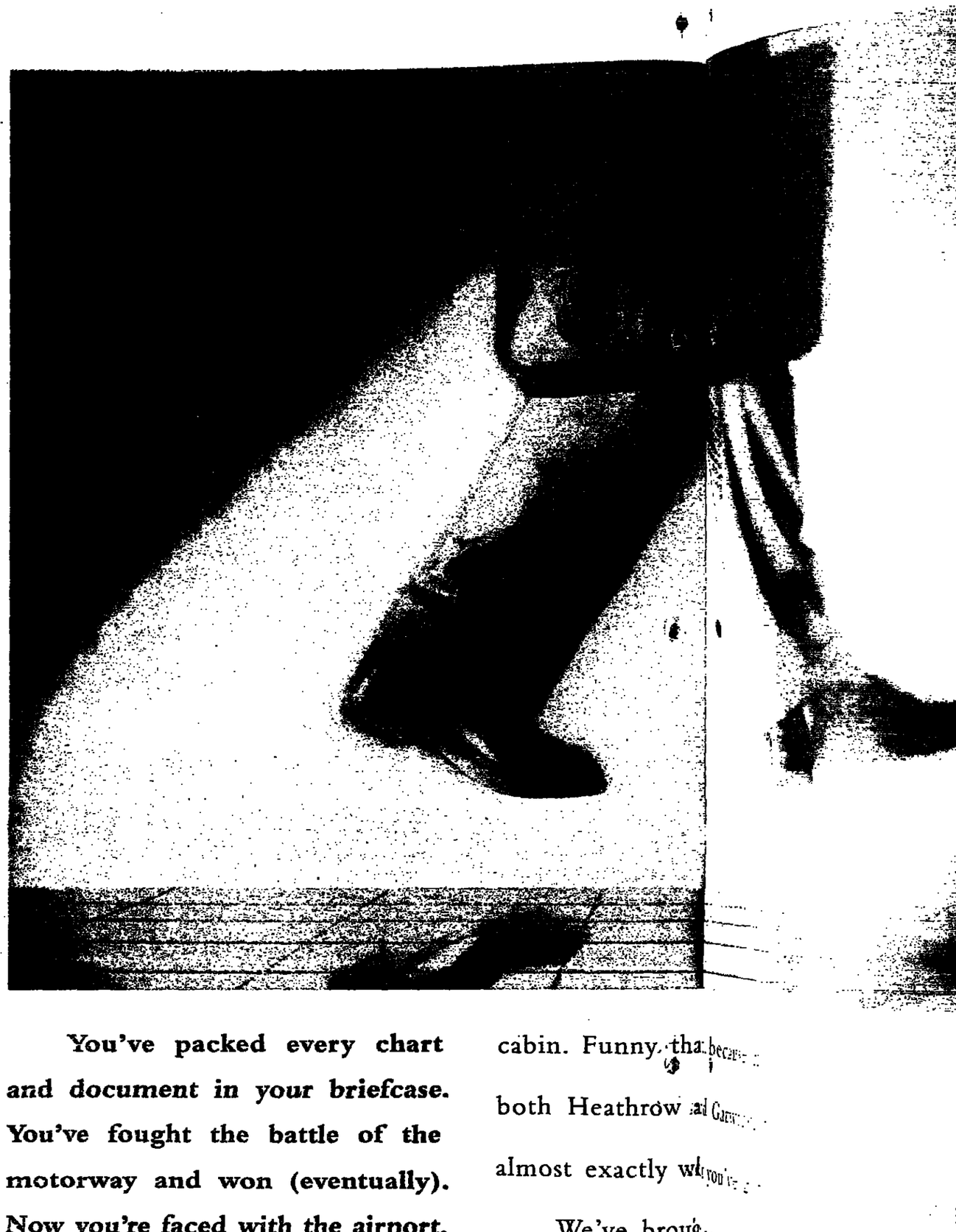
Almedin Fazlic, 22, commander of the frontline unit who trained as a conscript for a year with the Yugoslav national army, said he was expecting a Serb advance now that the Bosnian Serb referendum had rejected the Vance-Owen peace plan. "But as long as we are alive here, we are not retreating," he said.

The sound of approaching lorries could be heard. The handover had been completed without incident. British officers said Serb officers wearing Soviet-style broad folding hats stood by as the refugees transferred from the coaches into the covered lorries.

Final negotiations for the handover had taken place between the British, the Serbs and a senior Muslim liaison officer. Some of the refugees were frail, old women who had to be helped into a British armoured ambulance. The Serb soldiers stood and watched.

We left the Muslim frontline unit to rejoin the convoy, now heading back through no man's land. As we ran up the slope from the house, one at a time, to reach the armoured car, a Serb sniper fired. The crack of the bullet was uncom-

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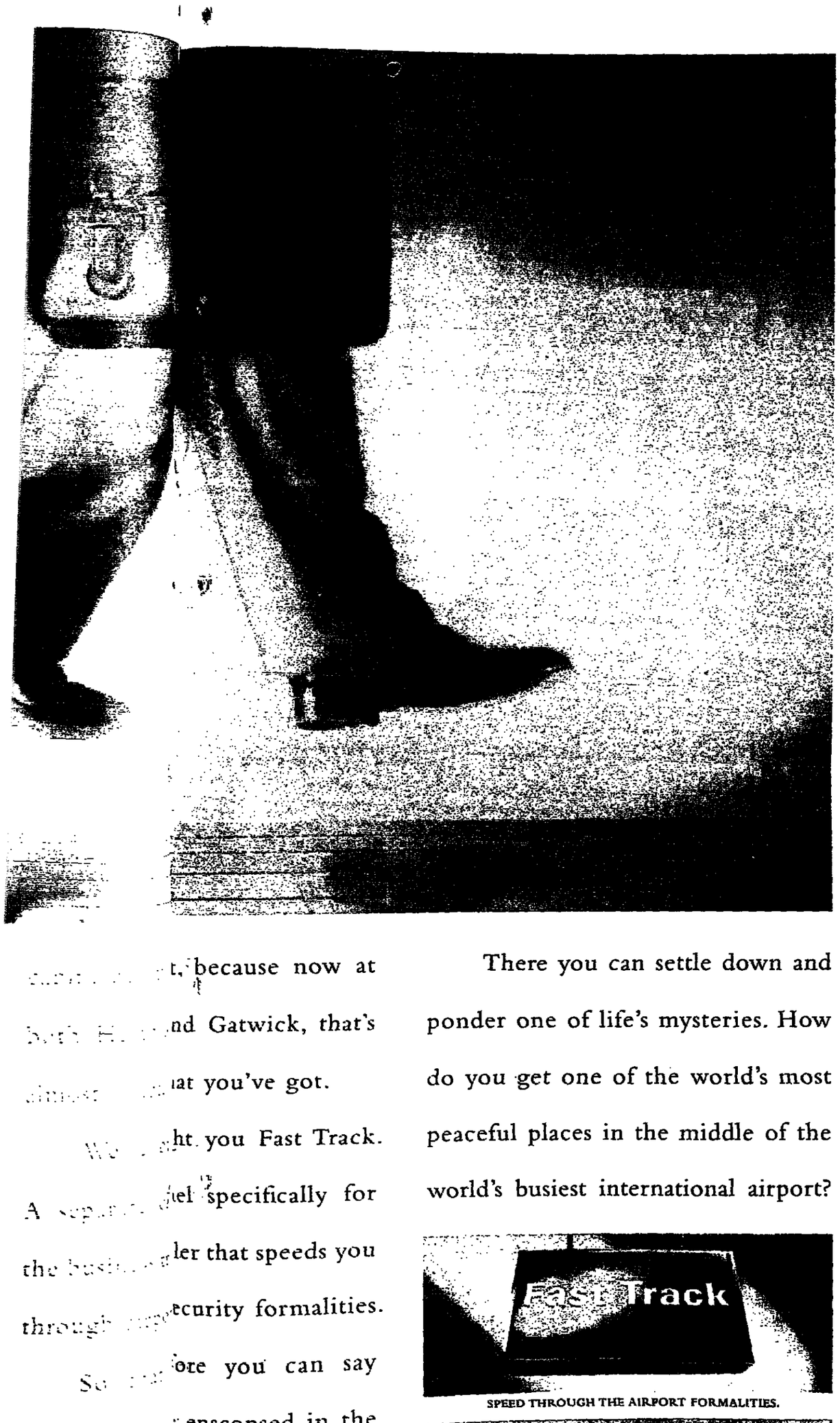
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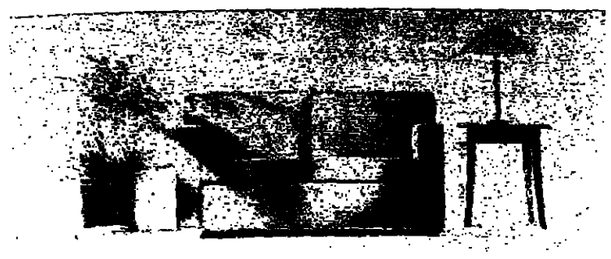
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Olivetti pledges to co-operate with corruption enquiry

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

■ Italy's bribery scandal is widening. Now pressure is mounting for the resignation of one editor who crusaded against corruption

CARLO De Benedetti, the Italian merchant prince whose interests range from business machines to newspapers, was placed formally under investigation in the Milan corruption scandal yesterday after admitting that his Olivetti computer firm had paid millions of pounds in bribes to political parties, judicial officials said.

Signor De Benedetti was inscribed in the list of suspects at the Milan court as Giovanni Cherubini, the former head of the Olivetti operation in Rome, presented himself to Antonio Di Pietro, the magistrate heading the "clean hands" enquiry. Signor De Benedetti, 58, went to magistrates voluntarily on Sunday and said Olivetti managers involved in the scandal would co-operate fully with the authorities.

The way is now open for magistrates to charge or arrest Signor De Benedetti. He said the firm had paid about 10 billion lire (£4.5m) in bribes for lucrative contracts with the state postal service.

Signor De Benedetti was praised in some quarters yesterday for taking personal responsibility for the corruption. However, critics said that Eugenio Scalfari, the crusading editor of the *La Repubblica* newspaper which is controlled by the Olivetti magnate, should resign.

Gianfranco Fini, the leader of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, said: "How can one direct a newspaper, especially a moralising and moralist one like his, when the publisher is implicated in the moral question?"

Francesco Cossiga, the former president, said: "De Benedetti has behaved with honesty and courage. Party secretaries should behave like him," he added in a taunt to Achille Occhetto, head of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left, who insists his party never took part in systematic bribery in spite of the arrest of key party officials for corruption.

Signor De Benedetti is appealing against a six-year prison sentence handed down last year for his fraud conviction in connection with the collapse of the banking empire of Roberto Calvi, who was found hanged under Blackfriars Bridge in 1982.

Earlier this year Cesare Romiti, managing director of Fiat, Italy's largest private company, also presented himself to magistrates to offer his co-operation and a new code of conduct banning bribes has been introduced in the industrial group. However Gianni Agnelli, Fiat's chairman, has stopped short of direct contact with magistrates.

Il Giornale of Milan said: "We are nostalgic for another Italy in the immediate postwar period, nostalgic for personalities such as Adriano Olivetti, for whom ethics was a life choice, with an even higher priority than the economy or the firm. Those were certainly different times."

Signor De Benedetti said he introduced a strict ethical code when he took over Olivetti in 1978. But its share of public contracts fell so badly that by 1987 it joined the kickback system. He told magistrates: "I only gave when I found it necessary to defend the survival of the company."

Pay deal divides German strikers

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BERLIN

THE east German steel and metal workers' strike wavered yesterday as workers in one state voted to accept the pilot deal negotiated with employers on Friday but other strikers in the small steel sector said they would hold out for a better deal.

Thousands of strikers voted yesterday on whether to accept the terms of a new pay deal. Officials of the IG Metall union expected their members in the key state of Saxony to accept the new terms. By yesterday afternoon strikers in the neighbouring state of Saxony-Anhalt had voted to accept the agreement. German radio reported, but workers in the steel sector said they would reject the deal.

"There is already a gap between steel and engineering workers. It would further widen with this contract. The situation is unacceptable," said Horst Wagner, an official.

More than 40,000 steel and metal workers have downed tools across east Germany in the first legal stoppage there for 60 years. Employers say the two-week-old strike will have damaging effects on the region's fragile economy.

The stoppage erupted after employers broke an earlier deal to raise east German steel and metal workers' wages by 26 per cent to levels in the west by April 1. They then offered 9 per cent instead, saying there was no money for more. A new agreement was reached last week under which employers said they would boost wages to western levels by July 1996. But the deal includes a clause which allows weak companies to negotiate their own local wage agreements.

Bonn's will tested in trial of neo-Nazis

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

TWO young German neo-fascists went on trial yesterday accused of setting fire to a foreigners' hostel in northern Germany, which led to the deaths of three Turkish women.

The trial in the sleepy tourist resort of Mölln is something of a political test case: it will show how hard the German authorities are willing to go to expose the organised violence of right-wing extremists.

Since the attack last November the number of assaults on foreigners, or their homes, has diminished. At the time of the Rostock riots last August the police had registered about 460 offences a month against foreigners — mainly asylum-seekers. This rose to 1,160 in November. Now this has dropped to about 400 a month and it seems to be falling further. The shock of the Mölln deaths seems to have been a turning-point for Germans.

After Mölln, the popular mood swung decisively in favour of foreigners. All the mainstream parties began campaigns to foster better relations between Germans and foreigners.

However, the Mölln case is more than an historical footnote. Partly for legal reasons, prosecution of skinheads involved in leading racist riots has been patchy.

A 22-year-old, who was seen beating an Angolan worker with a baseball bat in the eastern German town of Eberswalde, was last week given a four-and-a-half-year jail sentence, six months less than that demanded by the prosecutor and despite the fact that the Angolan died of his injuries. The legal difficulty was in proving that the skinhead had dealt the fatal blow at a time when an apparently impenetrable crowd was kicking and beating the black worker.


Peters: claims that he confessed under duress

The Mölln trial is an attempt to set straight Germany's image and tackle the broader questions raised by neo-Nazi violence. Both defendants could be sentenced to life imprisonment for the murders. Yesterday one of them, Lars Christiansen, 19, denied he was a neo-Nazi. He said he draped swastikas in his apartment and made Heil Hitler salutes "as part of a game, as a provocation".

Herr Christiansen and Michael Peters, the second defendant, initially confessed to the crime but now claim their confessions were made under police duress.

□ Vienna: Gottfried Kuessel, leader of a far-right party, pleaded not guilty to charges of fascist revivalism for publicly saying he wanted to relaunch the National Socialist (Nazi) Party. Herr Kuessel was unrepentant yesterday, saying Adolf Hitler was "one of the greatest Germans". *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

MPs visit Britons in Iraqi jail

Baghdad: Michael Wainwright, a Briton serving a 10-year sentence in an Iraqi jail, is sharing a cramped cell with murderers and is having psychological problems, George Galloway, the British MP, said yesterday after a fact-finding trip to Iraq with fellow Labour MP, Tam Dalyell.

Mr Wainwright, 42, was sentenced for illegal entry last year after cycling across the Turkish border. Paul Ride, 33, was given seven years after straying across the border from Kuwait. Prison officials promised to move the Britons to a private cell. *(Reuter)*

Verdict soon

Jakarta: An Indonesian court in Dili will deliver its verdict on the captured East Timor rebel leader, Xanana Gusmao, on Friday. It stopped him from reading his defence statement, considering it irrelevant. *(Reuter)*

On guard

Moscow: Russia's new military doctrine is purely defensive and has been submitted to the security council for adoption, Pavel Grachev, the defence minister said. Russia had no enemies in view. *(AFP)*

Mourners die

Tbilisi: Seven people were killed and 14 wounded, most of them civilians, when separatist Abkhazian forces shelled the funeral procession for a soldier in Georgia's National Guard in Ochamchire. *(AFP)*

Mafia arrest

Brussels: The alleged first lieutenant of a New York Mafia godfather wanted in the US for manslaughter and extortion, was arrested in Brussels. The man, 51, was identified as Marino C. *(Reuter)*

Appeal fails

Tirana: A court hearing an appeal from Nexhmije Hoxha, 72, widow of the Albanian dictator, for a reduction of her nine-year sentence for corruption increased her jail term to 11 years. *(AP)*

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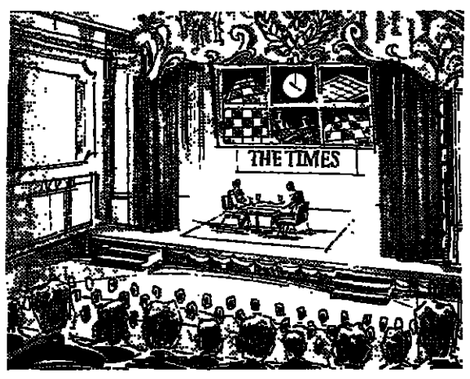
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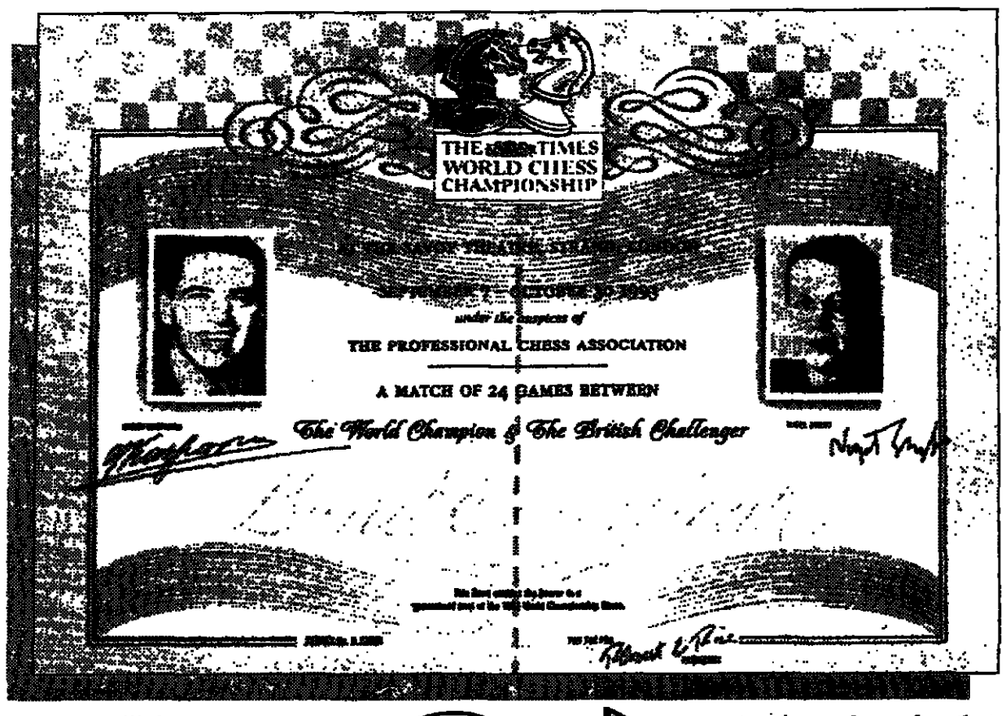
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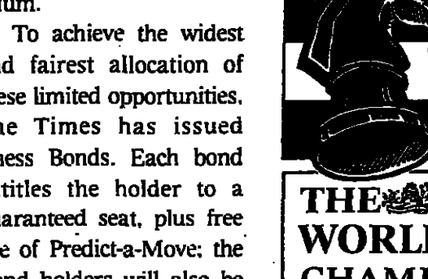
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Game 7	Tues. September 21	Game 19	Tues. October 19
Game 8	Thurs. September 23	Game 20	Thurs. October 21
Game 9	Sat. September 25	Game 21	Sat. October 23
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China shows sting in dragon's tail with threat to trade deal



Patten: familiar with Peking's harsh words

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
EAST ASIA EDITOR
IN HONG KONG

CHINA is threatening to wreck the biggest Sino-American deal in its history if the United States attaches human rights and other conditions to Chinese imports.

The warning, in response to last week's announcement that renewal of China's "most favoured nation" status would be subject to conditions, has been directed at AT&T, the American telecommunications company. AT&T signed a Memorandum of Understanding in February to supply $100 million (£65 million) of ultra-sophisticated telecommunications switching equipment. It was the beginning of a deal, understood to be worth billions of dollars, which would modernise the lumbering Chinese domestic communications network.

The Chinese warning came from Yu Zhengsheng, the mayor of Qingdao in Shandong province, the potential site for AT&T's first project, who observed that the final contract award would depend on two conditions: unconditional "most favoured nation" status and successful bilateral talks between China and the US.

By giving this warning, and from a mayor renowned as an economic reformist, Peking has signalled it is willing to damage its own economy in the interests of safeguarding its sovereignty. China also appears to be prepared to attack one of its champions in the struggle to prevent President Clinton from attaching conditions on June 3, the day before the anniversary of the 1989 Tiananmen killings.

■ Peking seems willing to wreck a £65 million trade deal with a US company to avert conditions on human rights and arms exports. It may still be a bluff

"We regard the Chinese remarks to be a statement of reality, not a threat," an AT&T spokesman said in Hong Kong yesterday. The company's vice-chairman had already described the developing joint venture, for which AT&T had competed vigorously internationally for more than a year, including factories throughout China, as "among the most extensive in our history". Last week AT&T was one of more than 300 US enterprises, including General Electric, IBM, Xerox, and American Express, which wrote to Mr Clinton urging that no strings be attached to "most favoured nation" renewal; $7.5 billion in US trade and 150,000 jobs are said to be at risk.

Yesterday in Hong Kong, AT&T repeated its opposition to conditions because "better communications foster political and economic development, as well as advance human rights". The stakes are high for Peking as well. The US takes up to 30 per cent of China's exports of $85 billion. Last year exports to the US amounted to $26.5 billion in which the Chinese had a trade advantage of nearly $19 billion. Without "most favoured nation" status, duty on Chinese exports would increase from 8 per cent to 40 per cent.

The political stakes for Mr Clinton are also high, which is why the man responsible for his China policy, Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State, who last week in Peking warned the Chinese to improve their behaviour in human rights, weapons proliferation and trade restrictions, has just reiterated, to an Asean meeting in Brunei, that "democracy and human rights are components of a broader definition of security." This feeling is widely held in the Democrat-dominated US Congress. Throughout his term in office, President Bush managed to thwart its attempts to place limitations on trade with China.

Although Mr Clinton campaigned strongly on a platform which included more jobs, he is determined to take a strong line with China after Levi Strauss, the denim manufacturer, declared on human rights grounds that it would be pulling out of China, which makes 2 per cent of its products. Mickey Cantor, Mr Clinton's trade representative, praised the decision.

A US official said here yesterday: "Everyone in the US was delighted with the AT&T contract. China's move will damage it in the eyes of the Congress, where the reaction will be negative, and make the relationship more complicated. In any event the AT&T agreement was in China's own interests."

The episode is an example of China's negotiating style, often involving friendly discussions, followed by what diplomats call the "farewell blast". Sometimes this is a harsh statement, like the one immediately following the departure of Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, from Peking last October.

Last week, during Mr Lord's visit to Peking, a Chinese spokesman referred to "an increase in mutual understanding". Within days of that statement, Peking fired a broadside into one of China's biggest and friendliest trading partners.

India puts army in charge to suppress Kashmir uprising

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Indian army is reported to have been given full charge of security in the Kashmir valley, reducing the locally recruited police to little more than onlookers and prompting accusations from Muslim leaders that the valley is under de facto martial law.

The cabinet is said to have voted on Sunday to put the army in charge after studying a situation report disclosing a surge in militant activity and issuing a warning about the need for drastic counter-measures. Two more army divisions are apparently to be sent to the valley, joining the three there.

The moves were reported in *The Hindustan Times* yesterday, but there was no immediate confirmation or denial from the government. The reported additional deployment of troops would raise further concerns about human rights abuses by security forces, which have been a feature of the separatist uprising by Kashmiri Muslims.

A sense of disgust at such abuses is being reflected increasingly in the Indian press. Lal Chowk, an historic maze of alleyways and ancient architecture in the old part of Srinagar, capital of the valley, was destroyed recently by a fire believed to have been started by the security forces. The recent destruction of part of the town of Sopore by the army has also provoked widespread condemnation.

Mountain passes between Pakistani and Indian-controlled Kashmir have cleared of snow, leading to increased movement of militants across the rugged border, known as the line of control, and a consequent increase in attacks on the security forces. Hizbul Mujahidin, a pro-Pakistani group, appears to be awash with guns, leaving little doubt that it is receiving much new financial assistance from sources in Pakistan.

Pakistan's support for the uprising has brought it to the brink of inclusion in America's list of countries sponsoring international terrorism. John Malott, a senior US State Department official, said in Islamabad last week that America was monitoring Pakistan's involvement in insurgencies in Kashmir and Punjab. Mr Malott will hold talks in Delhi this week as signs of Washington's impatience with Pakistan grow.

The army's enhanced role was played down yesterday by Kashmiri state government officials, who said that the changes were designed merely to improve operational co-ordination between the army and the paramilitary forces. Conflicts between them are commonplace. Most of the worst atrocities are attributed to paramilitary forces, in particular the Central Reserve Police Force, but the army has been accused by human rights groups of many abuses.

The present phase of the Kashmir conflict is three years old next month; in that time 7,000 people have died, according to official figures. The true figure is perhaps two or three times as high. The militant campaign has entered a new phase, with signs of greater expertise as a result of experience and training.

Random attacks have given way to clearly targeted assaults on the security forces and government targets: the civil secretariat in Srinagar recently came under rocket attack. Scores of bridges have been destroyed to disrupt the movements of security forces.

The Kashmiri police, predominantly Muslim and suspected of sympathising with the militant uprising, are now all but irrelevant in the security machine. They are distrusted by Delhi; that was confirmed recently when the army disarmed hundreds of policemen who revolted over a colleague's death in army custody. The locally recruited bureaucracy, too, is viewed with suspicion because it is largely Muslim and sympathetic to the separatists.

Child workers

Delhi: Child labour is a necessary evil in India, the country's labour minister said yesterday, but he added that the government would hold talks with employers to try to wipe out the illegal practice eventually. "This is only a beginning to end child labour," Purno Sangma told a conference of the International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour. The government says there are about 17 million workers under 14.



Together at last: Menhale Dessie, 14, right, an Ethiopian Jewish girl lost nine years ago while trekking with her parents to Sudan, sobbing as she is hugged by her sister Ziva at Tel Aviv airport on Monday. When she was five, Menhale and her family set out on a month-long walk from the Ethiopian town of Azazu to Sudan. She disappeared one night after her father let a guide carry her and was subsequently brought up by a man in Addis Ababa, while her family joined 7,500 Jews who were flown secretly to Israel. *(Reuter)*

Clinton goes on offensive with trip to defence base

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton, erstwhile peacenik, paid a visit yesterday to the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, birthplace of the atomic bomb.

He went not to honour Robert Oppenheimer, Edward Teller and the Manhattan Project's other nuclear weapons pioneers, but to pay tribute to their successors at the laboratory who, after the Cold War, are blazing new trails in such fields as computation, advanced materials, lasers and biotechnologies. The visit was part of the struggling president's new strategy of getting out into the country to rally support for his economic programme. Having last week made the case for reduction of the deficit, this week's focus is on the country's simultaneous need for new investment.

Mr Clinton plans to cut $112 billion (£73 billion) from the American defence budget over the next five years, but he has also proposed a $20 billion plan to accelerate the conversion of defence establishments such as Los Alamos to civilian purposes. Demand in America for new nuclear weapons is hardly overwhelming any more.

From Los Alamos Mr Clinton was flying on to California, the state that formed the bedrock of his electoral triumph but where public disappointment with his performance in office has been as pronounced as anywhere. In San Diego, a defence-based city suffering its worst recession since the 1960s, he was expected to emphasise his job-creation and training plans during one of his trademark town hall meetings last night. Today he visits South-Central Los Angeles, hub of the riots that devastated America's second largest city last year.

Mr Clinton visited the Midwest last week, and next weekend he goes to New Hampshire, but this return to campaign mode is not the only manifestation of this presidential relaunch. For the first time since his inauguration he actually took a weekend off, to the delight of aides who were fearing premature presidential burn-out.

On Saturday, Mr Clinton played 27 holes of golf, visited an air show and then flew up to spend an evening in New York with his family. On Sunday, he attended church and a picnic at his daughter's school, before an evening meeting on health care with his advisers.

Despite all the adverse media comment and falling approval ratings for Mr Clinton, aides claimed that the president was confident that he could regain the support he needs by taking his case to the people.

David Wilhelm, the Democratic Party chairman, suggested that Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were at their calmest when the going was toughest. "At the darkest hour they suck it up and say: 'This is not about popularity, it is about whether or not we are going to improve people's lives'. And that sets the tone for everybody. It is the key to making it through ups and downs."

Another senior adviser said: "He understands what he has to do with his presidency, and he knows this is a crucial period. We have to produce now."

India to launch satellite

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INDIA yesterday underlined its competition with the traditional space nations of the United States, Europe and Russia by announcing plans to put an Indian-built satellite and rocket into orbit in three months' time.

The launch, disclosed yesterday by Professor Udipi Rao, chairman of India's space commission, will take place from the Sriharikota range. The four-stage rocket, code-named PSLV, will place a one-tonne remote sensing satellite into a 560-mile polar orbit. Until now, Indian-designed rockets have been used only in experimental launches.

The country's growing space ambitions are likely to concern Western commercial launch companies. Professor Rao said India's lower costs meant they could offer space services at half the price of Western rivals. A commercial arm, Antrix Corporation, was established three months ago and has secured £195,000 of business.

Professor Rao said India was hoping to win business worth at least £130 million within five years, either from other developing countries or as a subcontractor for other space agencies. India has built 16 satellites that have been launched by other nations.

India is also planning to launch a 2.5 tonne satellite to orbit over the equator in 1995 using an Indian-built rocket, codenamed GSLV, powered by Russian engines. This technology transfer is being objected to by American companies, who fear fierce competition.

Mournful fans raise glasses to last draught of 'Cheers'

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

AT A joint on Beacon Street in Boston, Sam Malone tends the bar and Carla Tortelli is a barmaid. Rebecca Howe manages the place and an accountant and a postman drink there, pretty much all the time. The joint, of course, is Cheers and these characters, household names on both sides of the Atlantic, will be appearing for the last time on Thursday night when America's much-admired sitcom of the same name ends its run after 11 years and 275 episodes.

The cast of *Cheers* remains virtually unchanged since its inception in September 1982, when few would have believed such an unlikely scenario could have developed into the national institution it is today. Throughout this week all the bars in America named Cheers — there is one in almost every town and airport and in Boston there are six — are holding wakes for a show which has proved as inspirational as *Mash* did to the post-Vietnam generation. Indeed, there is speculation that the final 90-minute special will beat the heart-rending finale of *Mash* in 1983 to become the most watched episode in the history of the American small screen. It is not yet known when the last *Cheers* will be shown in Britain.

All that is, in fact, known about *Cheers*: *The Last Call* is that it is said to include at least one marriage and an appearance by the long-departed barmaid Diane Chambers, played by Shelley Long.

The many fans of the series range from President Clinton, who is rumoured to be taking a cameo role in the finale, to Norman Schwarzkopf, and from Cindy Crawford to Raquel Welch. As so often with sitcoms, *Cheers* invited famous guest stars to take part. The choice, however, was better than most. John Cleese, whose own *Fawlty Towers* is said have partly inspired *Cheers*, won an Emmy for his barroom appearance as a marriage counsellor, Simon Finch-Royce in 1987, while Emma Thompson crooned "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" in 1992.



Danson: his decision to quit ended series

Life magazine devoted its cover to the closure story and many other magazines and newspapers have filled their columns with the minutiae of life at Sam's watering hole. The Smithsonian Museum of American History is said to be negotiating with Paramount, the producers, for *Cheers* memorabilia, and the National Postal Museum, which opens in July, has already acquired the uniform belonging to Cliff Calvin, the barfly postman.

In fact, *Cheers* might not have ended were it not for the fact that Ted Danson, who plays Sam, decided to leave at the end of this series — "to rock the boat and get out the creativity," he explained. Reportedly earning $450,000 (£300,000) an episode, Danson was the only member of the team who wanted to leave. He suffered a spate of unwanted publicity in March when he separated from Casey, his wife of 16 years. The separation came amid reports of an affair with Whoopi Goldberg, his co-star in the film *Made in America*.

All the other members of the cast, including Kirsty Alley, who has made a film career on the back of the show, believed that they were part of something exceptional. "I think this was the most incredible experience and it will never happen again for any of us," Alley said yesterday.

There are doubtless courses in television studies up and down the country already analysing the effect that *Cheers* had on its viewing public and why it has been quite such a success. Rob Long, the writer and co-executive producer, probably holds the key. "For 11 years we did a show about a guy who chases women, and his friends who sit around drinking beer all day, and yet we never did a show about Aids or alcoholism." Thursday night, one hopes, will be more of the same.

Cubans blinded by poor diet

FROM DAVID ADAMS
IN MIAMI

AN EPIDEMIC in Cuba of progressive blindness that has so far affected at least 26,000 people is the result of severe nutritional deficiency, according to American doctors who have visited the island. The epidemic is alarming evidence of the deteriorating state of the Cuban economy after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Cuba has asked for international help so that it can tackle the problem by distributing vitamins. Two eye experts from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and four other specialists are being sent by the Pan American Health Organisation, the Washington-based affiliate of WHO, to Cuba tomorrow.

The Cuban government has linked the problem to heavy smoking, drinking, a virus and even a CIA plot, but Cuban and American doctors say the evidence suggests that it is caused primarily by a lack of B vitamins. "The diet of Cubans has changed drastically in the last two years. They are not getting meat, eggs and milk," said Dr Michio Hirano, a neurologist at Colombia College, New York. Since the end of Soviet subsidies, food has been rationed in Cuba, with a diet mainly of rice and sugar.

Dr Hirano, who was asked to study the disease by Peace for Cuba, an American group, said he examined patients who had recovered their sight after a course of vitamins. "This is a disease which can be prevented, although the loss of eyesight could be irreversible after a certain point if not treated," he said.

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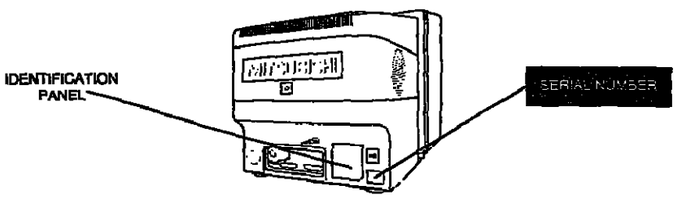
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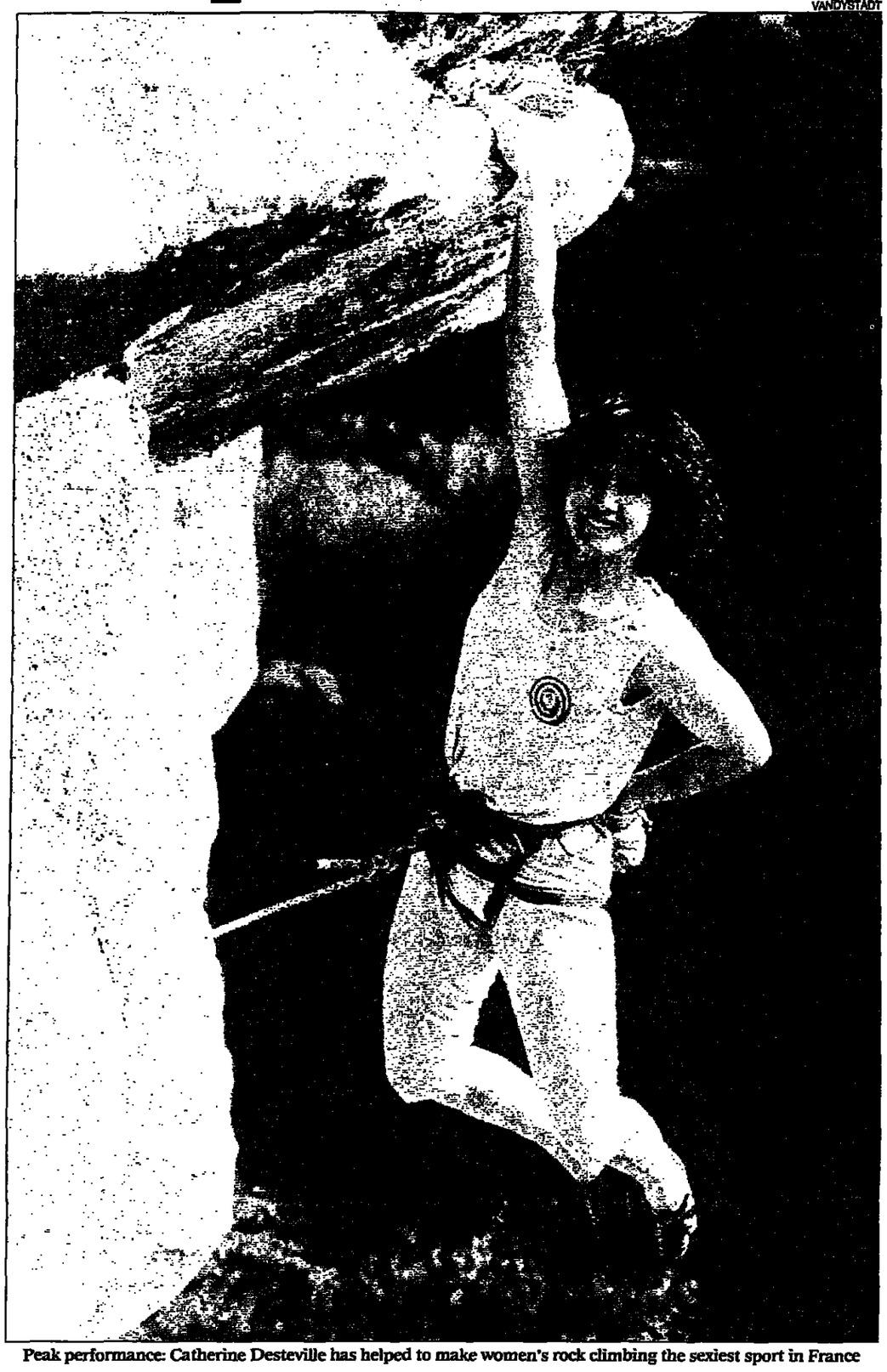
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Day of the spiderwoman

In France they are treated like glamorous film stars, but in Britain they still have an image problem. Alice Thomson reports on the high achievers of women's climbing


VANDYSTADT

Peak performance: Catherine Desteville has helped to make women's rock climbing the sexiest sport in France

For five days she inched her way painfully to the top, her chapped hands clinging to the merest chink, her frail body suspended over the void by her torn fingernails. An 8st woman, she was heaving up 12st of equipment. At night she dangled like a spider in her sleeping bag from the vertical rockface, lashed by rain and hail.

Catherine Desteville, a 31-year-old Parisienne, became a climbing legend in France last year when she opened up a route on the unconquered southwest face of the Dru, the most daunting challenge in the Alps. Every move of "La Grande Catherine", or "The Scaling Madonna" as the French like to call her, was monitored by French television.

Mme Desteville is largely responsible for making rock climbing the sexiest sport in France. A recent magazine poll revealed that half of France could recognise her, while only one third know their prime minister by sight.

Now Britain has gots its own Desteville. "I'm on top of the world," said Rebecca Stephens yesterday morning as she reached the summit of Everest, almost exactly 40 years after Sir Edmund Hillary first scaled the mountain with Sherpa Tensing. She may have been the sixty second person this year, the seventeenth woman and the fifth woman that day but as the first British woman to reach the summit of Everest she looks set to become our darling.

In France every village has a crag locals can practise on and papas are just as likely to take along their daughters as their sons. Some prefer bouldering on stretches no higher than 12 metres with no rope. Others like traditional rock climbing. A few women, like Mme Desteville, solo-climb without ropes or safety equipment. But it is competition climbing at which French women really excel, on designated routes, sometimes on indoor walls. Here assault — as in warfare — is no longer the keyword but it is the tactical gymnastic search for a solution that has caught their imagination and French women are now pushing to include it in the Olympics.

Mme Desteville started early. Her father would take her and his five other children bouldering at Fontainebleau, near Paris. By 16 she was climbing in the Alps but just as she reached the pinnacles of success she gave up and descended into bad habits. "I gambled all night long in Paris playing poker and backgammon," she says. "I smoked a lot and destroyed my body, only sleeping three hours a night." But she clawed herself back again and became the world's most successful freestyle climber.

French women are out to prove that they can climb just as well as the men. They climb the same routes and their shapely Lycra-clad figures dancing up mountainsides have caught the imagination of the French.

Some like, Isabelle Patissier, who won the women's world cup, are now earning as much or more than their male equivalents. "It is like a drug. The adrenalin, the buzz, that feeling when you get to the top cannot be compared to anything else," she says. Miss Desteville, who earns £100,000 a year and just calls whenever she wants to borrow a dress from Dior, says: "Women can climb as easily as men. It is not a question of strength but of experience and motivation. There are a lot of men who are stronger than I am but who don't do what I do. I think of myself as a climbing machine."

Are we likely to see a whole new generation of rockettes in Britain following in Miss Stephens's footsteps? According to Derek Walker, general secretary of the British Mountaineering Council, there are several British women in the top 20, but there is an image problem. People wrongly tend to think of mountaineers as burly men with black, frost-bitten fingers and ice-encrusted beards or scientists in kagoules shivering in rain-drenched canyons.

Women have been climbing for the past two centuries, and unlike sports such as tennis, need no different equipment from men. "Mont Blanc was climbed by a woman, Henriette D'Angeville, in 1838, dressed in her skirts," says Janet Adam Smith, a former president of the Ladies Alpine Club and member for 45 years. "It was said she was the first lady but the second woman to conquer Mont Blanc. A peasant girl, Marie Paradis, had climbed it in 1809.

"The first assault of the Matterhorn was in 1865. Miss Lucy Walker was the first women to climb it only six years later. There have always been fewer women than men but they have been doing difficult climbs since the 1860s. The clothes may have been different but nothing else. Women used to wear long tweed skirts which they would take off at the beginning of an ascent and underneath would be knickerbockers. But my father once saw a French woman climbing the Matterhorn in the 1880s dressed in boys' clothes."

The Ladies Alpine Club was founded in 1907, 50 years after the Alpine Club, which admitted only men. The qualifications to become a member of both clubs were the same. In the 1920s a group of women set up the Pinnacle Club, with a membership limited to women who lead climbs.

Angela Soper, now 52 and a former president of the Pinnacle Club, still climbs. "The only problem with being a woman is the physiological problem. Once a month it is a pain but otherwise I don't notice," she says. "When Alison Hargreaves climbed the north face of the Eiger she was pregnant and one of the best-known female guides, Brede Arkless, has had eight children. It seems to improve her performance. When it comes to the crunch, being a woman is not the problem — it is having the guts."

Dr Jean-Pierre de Montenard, a medical climbing consultant, says: "When muscular power is called for, women will never beat men. Testosterone will always give them the edge. But in feats of endurance such as mountaineering women could excel. When it is a question of struggling against a lack of oxygen, men and women are on equal footing."

Alpine Club president Michael Westmacott says: "The more women we have the better. I was on the 1953 Everest expedition and if a girl had been well enough trained she probably would have been chosen."

SIR GEORGE EVEREST (1790-1866)

The man who put Everest on the map

Mount Everest was named on August 6, 1856 in honour of the man who was Surveyor General of India 1832-43. But when George Everest's appointment to the Great Trigonometrical Survey of India was first announced, most of the other young surveyors threatened to resign. Everest's reputation as a strict disciplinarian had preceded him. No one escaped if he was in the wrong. He shouted orders at the top of his voice. He was always right. He knew all the answers.

On one occasion half a dozen of his escort were publicly beaten for acts of insubordination. Six strokes, no more. When in camp he wrote sharp missives to his surveyors pointing out their misdeeds. They knew his displeasure had been incurred; no reply was needed, only future obedience. But his strict discipline had only one objective: the pursuit of excellence for the survey, which was to provide all India with accurately positioned control points for making maps. And for that he earned their respect.


Man of iron: India's Surveyor General

But he drove himself relentlessly, too, despite repeated attacks of malaria, which left him appallingly weak. "I had spurned the thought of being attacked by sickness which I had deemed myself to be impregnable," he wrote when first afflicted. "but my last day's ride was through the powerful sun over a soil teeming with vapours and malaria." He was carried back to Hyderabad on a litter and returned to duty only eight months later.

For the next few years attacks and sick leave alternated. Once on his sick bed he was convinced that death was approaching fast: "dreadful rheumatic pains in my bones, fever, loss of appetite, intestines totally deranged, stomach totally powerless, and the whole body apparently destroyed". A final attack went unrecorded: Everest was terrified that he might be ordered to return to England, his tasks on the survey unfulfilled.

After four winter seasons' work, the last stage of the operation was completed. Everest began to check the observations and calculations. In every survey operation, and especially in one so large and so important as this one, surveyors always begin with the accurate measurement of a base line. At intervals of 200 miles and at the end of every stage, base lines of verifications are measured on the ground in order to verify, to within a matter of a few inches, the accuracy of observations. To Everest's horror his final check revealed unacceptable verification figures of more than 3ft.

The source of inexactitude would have to be located. Everest knew that his own observations had been foolproof. He eliminated every other source until he came to the base line at Sironj in central India, measured by his predecessor with inferior tools.

There was no other choice but to march 400 miles, measure a base line, and march 400 miles home again. He did so, of course, and reduced the error from 3ft to 3in. At last, after a ride of 800 miles in the saddle, Everest could put his signature to a set of true figures.

On that high note, he decided to retire to England. Better to go of his own free will then be commanded to go if malaria struck again. Back at home he quickly married, settled in London and fathered four children. Through membership of learned bodies he kept in touch with the scientific advances of the Victorian age. He was knighted in 1861 and died five years later.

And why did Andrew Waugh, his successor as Surveyor General, conclude that Everest should have his name immortalised? For six years, Waugh was never far from Everest's side as his second-in-command. He watched Everest at work at his survey instruments, admired his tenacity in all situations to achieve unsurpassable observations. Ranked high with this was his grit and sheer will power to return to operations after debilitating illnesses.

Despite the objections to his proposal, not least from Everest himself, Waugh had no doubts. He knew his man and, come what may, the highest mountain peak in the world was going to become Mount Everest.

LESLIE THUILLIER

● *Both the great-grandfather and grandfather of Major General Leslie Thuillier were Surveyor Generals of the Survey of India.*

Hail the atta-girl

SUDDENLY, Janet Reno is hot property in Washington, a star turn in a city saturated with big names. President Clinton basks in her reflected glory. Annie Leibovitz wants to photograph her for *Vogue*. American chat show hosts line up to interview her. The *New York Times* calls her a "prized asset", *Time* magazine a "folk-hero". *USA Today* the "administration's superstar".

The *Washington Post* reported that at a recent White House correspondents' dinner, attended by all the great and good, she was accorded "superstar status".

At the same event, the CBS Washington bureau chief informed her that "you've totally knocked out the Washington press corps. You've got them in the palm of your hand."

This particular woman is an unusual American superstar. An ungainly, 6ft 2ins, 54-year-old, bespectacled spinster, her celebrity stems from her decision to order last month's FBI assault on the Branch Davidians' Waco compound, which left 70 cultists dead.

America's first female attorney-general positively raced onto television to take the blame on the night of the Waco débâcle. She not only appeared before congressional investigations, but offered to visit individual congressmen's offices to answer further questions. "I made the decision," she gutsily declared. "I'm accountable. The buck stops with me." Americans were so astounded to see a politician accepting responsibility for a blunder that they almost completely forgot to question her judgment. "She's a hurricane of fresh air," gushed one Democratic congressman.

To be fair, probably only Ms Reno could have got away with it. She is one of the few genuine Washington outsiders in the cabinet: one of the few who is not an old friend of President Clinton and the First Lady; certainly the only one who was the president's third choice for her job. She can hardly be accused of naked ambition.

She also arrived in the capital two months ago with a reputation not just for canoeing around Florida's alligator-infested swamps and chain-sawing trees by way of relaxation, but for ramrod integrity. This was the woman who, as Miami's chief prosecutor, insisted on paying absolutely top whack when she bought a new car to avoid even the faintest whiff of impropriety.

Ms Reno has reinvigorated the justice department, where morale had crumpled under a succession of stiff Republican males who used it to further conservative social policies. She eats in the staff cafeteria. She objects to being saluted as "general", preferring plain "Janet". She roams the corridors and treats top lawyers and lowly secretaries with equal respect. She walks to work, has declined a speechwriter and has even made public her office telephone number.

How Waco was the making of Janet Reno


Buck stops: Janet Reno

She calls herself an "awkward old maid" and appears nonplussed by all the attention she is getting: "I can't imagine why anybody finds Janet Reno all that interesting." She told a congressional committee that on the night of the Waco disaster she returned late to her flat feeling as lonely as she ever had. The telephone rang. It was her sister saying, "atta-girl". It rang again. It was the president saying "atta-girl". Every network used the soundbite.

The other side of Ms Reno is that, despite her apolitical appearance, she won re-election as Miami's state attorney four times with huge majorities. Despite personal opposition to the death penalty, she has sought it 80 times. Despite all her apparent independence, she has peopled the justice department with the president's friends. One of her first acts was to ask for the resignations of every US attorney, most of them Republican appointees. One was completing a criminal investigation into a key congressional ally of the president's.

And then there was the Waco episode. Over and over again Ms Reno accepted full responsibility. But she did not resign.

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Dr James Le Fanu looks at serious and eccentric ways to determine gender


TONY WHITE

Random selection: whether facing the sun, using lemon juice or keeping the window open, parents will not be able to ensure their child's sex before conception in the near future

Can we choose our baby's sex?

In the controversy following the opening of the London gender clinic, which promised prospective parents the opportunity to determine the sex of their offspring, the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority acted promptly.

It sent out more than 2,000 copies of a consultative document to interested parties asking for their comments by the end of May. But, with less than a fortnight to go, the authority has, perhaps surprisingly, been far from overwhelmed by the response, with only 100 replies received.

An effective form of sex selection — on medical grounds — is already widely practised. There are several genetic conditions, some more serious than others — colour blindness, haemophilia and Duchenne's muscular dystrophy, the muscle-wasting disease — that occur uniquely in males. These diseases can be "prevented" by determining the sex of a foetus with amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling, and selectively aborting those whose cells contain the male Y chromosome.

The same technique can obviously be used for sex selection on social grounds. This is reputedly prevalent in India, where because of the dowry system, daughters are seen as a financial liability. According to a report in the *New Scientist*, companies in Bombay offering sex tests advertise with the slogan "Invest 500 rupees now, save 50,000 rupees later".

A study in six Bombay hospitals found that out of 8,000 abortions following amniocentesis, all but one were of female foetuses.

As this form of sex selection on social grounds is banned in Britain, the techniques offered by the gender clinic in which the sex of a child is determined before conception is of immense interest, not only to those from ethnic groups in which the dowry system operates, but for any couple wishing to have a family in which the numbers of children of either sex are balanced.

These methods are all based on the principle that the male sperm carrying the Y chromosome can be differentiated from the female carrying the X chromosome in a way that allows preferential fertilisation to produce a child of the desired sex.

From the time of Aristotle until the mid-19th century, when the importance of having a male heir was greater than today, sexual selection was influenced by the theory of "right and left" — a splendid example of triumphal phallocratism.

The right side is the stronger (in most people) and therefore more noble: *dextra est validior manum*. Consequently, only the right testicle was held to be capable of producing male seed: therefore, those seeking a male offspring would tie up the left testicle.

In a classic text, *The Mysteries of Conjugal Love Revealed*, published in 1707, Dr Venette gives further advice on "whether there is an Art in getting Boys or Girls". Too much sexual ardour, he says, is apt to debilitate the spirits of the semen, decreasing the likelihood of producing a boy.

Heat was judged to have the same effect, by dampening the procreative powers, so the window should be kept open during coition.

Modern methods of sex selection reflect a not dissimilar phallocratism. In 1970, Dr Landrum Shettles, an American doctor, in a best-selling book, *Your Baby's Sex: Now You Can Choose*, argued that the Y-bearing sperm swim faster and so, other things being equal, the race for fertilisation would result in a preponderance of male children.

However, this was balanced, he claimed, by the fact that at the time of ovulation, the vaginal secretions were more acidic, favouring the less speedy but more resilient X-bearing sperm. By choosing the moment of conception carefully and douching the vagina with either an acidic solution of vinegar or alkaline solution of sodium bicarbonate, it was possible to influence the likelihood of having a boy or a girl. Noting that female orgasm increases the alkalinity of the vaginal secretions, Dr Shettles also suggested that only couples wanting a boy should try to achieve this pleasurable level of sexual stimulation.

The technique used by the London Gender Clinic also presupposes that the Y-bearing sperm swim faster. Here the sperm, obtained by masturbation, are filtered through several layers of the protein, albumen, and, according to the American scientist, Dr Ron Ericsson, who first patented the method, the swifter Y-carrying sperm reach the bottom first. These are then collected and, by artificial insemination, placed in the womb, increasing the likelihood — remarkably — of having a boy. The drawback with these techniques is that though they work for those who believe in them, others have been less successful.

This February, a paper by Dr Ericsson published in the journal *Fertility and Sterility* claimed a 76 per cent success rate, but it was followed, most unusually, by a stark statement from the journal's editor that "not everyone has been able to duplicate the results reported here".

At a conference in London on April 30, organised by the British Medical Association, Professor Robert Winston, of Hammersmith Hospital, mentioned that two independent studies showed that Ericsson's sperm sorting technique yielded X and Y bearing sperm in a 50:50 ratio.

There is, to put it mildly, profound scepticism. Despite years of research, the only obvious difference that can be identified between male and female sperm is the respective possession of a Y or X chromosome in the nucleus. Morphologically and biologically, they are indistinguishable.

According to Dr Roy Jones, of the Agricultural and Food Research Council, Dr Ericsson's technique "is probably just as effective as all the old wives' tales — facing into the sun, the cycle of the moon or using lemon juice".

The time for worrying about the ethical issues posed by preconceptual sex selection will be when someone comes up with a reliable method. A further consultative document from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority might then produce a more vigorous response.

The stress of peacekeeping

Will soldiers returning from Bosnia need psychiatric help?

Anyone who heard the accounts of atrocities committed by Serb and Croat irregulars on Muslim families in Bosnia must have been chilled and appalled. How much worse for the soldiers who found the aftermath of these ghastly acts. So it came as little surprise to learn that a team of counsellors would be available to support the returning Chesire regiment.

During this war-torn century, the military management of acute psychiatric problems has steadily improved, as shown by the sophisticated psychological services operated by the British Army during the Gulf war. However, recognition of the long-term impact of war and trauma has taken longer. It was the enduring psychological difficulties faced by some veterans of the Vietnam war that led American psychiatrists to identify post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This was defined as a syndrome arising out of an unusual experience, and accompanied by flashbacks to the trauma itself, general anxiety and emotional numbness, all of which could be precipitated by any reminder of the event.


Home: Cheshires back from Bosnia

Since then, PTSD has become widely accepted. Disaster planning now routinely includes provision for psychological services. Not only survivors, but their relatives, and the counsellors themselves, can be the target of immediate psychological intervention.

Has it all gone too far? Do we need counselling whenever anything out of ordinary happens? Would the Cheshire regiment succumb to mass PTSD if it was not available?

Putting to one side the extremes of human experience — horror and deprivation on an unimaginable scale, as experienced by the hostages in Lebanon, or survivors of the concentration camps — the type of person may be more important than the type of trauma. Studies of Australian firefighters involved in a disastrous bush fire found that PTSD could be predicted not by the intensity of the experience, but by previous personality and psychological health. Most of those exposed to disaster do not develop PTSD.

So while the wish to safeguard the future mental health of the soldiers concerned is admirable, the Cheshires probably do not need all those counsellors. Modern professional soldiers in a volunteer army are psychologically robust. They witnessed horror, but were not under threat themselves. And while talking about emotionally distressing experiences is valuable if the person wishes to do so, it should not always be necessary to involve mental health specialists who may also be outsiders. At Lockerbie, local people preferred to talk to those they already knew rather than the teams of outsiders brought into the close-knit community. In the Army, another close community, it may be more appropriate to foster an atmosphere within the regiment in which it is acceptable for the soldiers to talk about their feelings without being seen as weak or mentally disordered.

Introducing trained counsellors perpetuates the myth that talking about distress needs an expert, and medicalises what is usually a normal human emotion. The lack of an opportunity to express distress, if there is distress, may have long-term consequences — but there is a danger of creating a climate in which everyone is expected to experience distress, even when many do not.

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Beating the buzzer



EACH YEAR some 2,300 British people return from their holiday with malaria. Last year 13 of them died. Distant travel is becoming more hazardous as the malarial area extends. The disease is now less well controlled than it was 20 years ago. The mosquito has become resistant to many insecticides and is finding more places to breed which are difficult to spray.

Hypocrites noted the association of malaria with swampy areas, and more recently the Romans drained the pontine marshes. But today's mosquito is versatile and is happy to lay its eggs in the stagnant water of a discarded food tin or abandoned lorry tyre.

Just as the mosquito is becoming resistant to pesticides, so the malarial parasite is increasingly resistant to anti-malarial drugs. As a result, travellers are increasingly advised to avoid being bitten. They are warned to sleep under mosquito nets, to wear long trousers and long sleeves, particularly at dusk, to use insect repellents and to keep windows either shut or covered by mesh.

Phrophylaxis for those travelling to malarial zones is nevertheless still vitally important, even if two Paludrine and two chloroquine tablets a week no longer guarantee safe travel.

Lariam mefloquine, recently introduced, is suitable for short visits to a malarial area. It is effective against many resistant types of malaria but should not be taken by women who are or who might become pregnant; people with convulsions or a tendency to psychiatric disease; or those taking betablockers or with heart trouble.

Fansidar and Maloprim are also used, although Fansidar has side effects and is only rarely recommended. Whatever the type of anti-malarial drug, it is important that it is taken regularly and for at least seven days before leaving and for 35 days after the traveller's return: local airways clinics will advise on what drug is needed for what country.



THOSE who have lived for years in a malarial zone may think they have acquired resistance; but however long the old empire trader may have served overseas, a few years of retirement in Sussex will have stripped him of any immunity he might have had. Immigrants to Britain also lose their resistance. Statistics show that those who go back to old haunts are more likely to catch malaria than the more cautious holidaymaker.

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■ The nursery siege has given France new confidence in its paternalism

They *may not* have had a Grand National or Group 4, and their currency is enviably strong, but for the past few months the French have been every bit as anguished as the British about their identity and their national inability to organise a *soûlerie* in a vineyard. For the man in the café and many a politician, the consensus holds that the country is coming apart, losing its rural traditions and staggering under the onslaught of alien — read Anglo-Saxon — commercial forces.

Until Saturday morning, May was a bitter month, with Pierre Bérégovoy's suicide and then the seizure of hostages in a nursery school, of all places. American-style crime had come to France, the pundits mourned. *Attempting to decode the symbolism*, the editorial writers noted that Eric Schmitt, the paranoid computer-man who styled himself the "Human Bomb", was offering France a monstrous reflection of its obsession with *les reality shows*, the Gallic term for those gory American-style reconstructions of crimes and accidents which festoon *le prime time*.

So it is natural that a surge of jubilation swept the country when the six little girls of the Charcot school were extracted with split-second timing. The satisfying denouement, with its swift execution of Schmitt — no messing around — was a triumph. "Joy" was the first word that came to the mind of the normally circumspect Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, whose authority has enjoyed a huge boost from the affair. "The hearts of the whole of France beat in unison," he said.

Comparisons with America, the inevitable touchstone for everything in a defensive France, are ubiquitous. It has escaped nobody's attention that the police RAID unit has shown a thing or two to the American SWAT teams upon which it is modelled, down to the choice of a flamboyant acronym. Bill Clinton could be found in one front-page cartoon yesterday, telling Charles Pasqua, the interior minister and police chief, that he would call him in for the next Waco.

The siege of Neuilly showed the French system, with its centralised, paternalistic state, at its best. It helped that Schmitt chose the posh home district of ministers and mandarins, but much the same would have happened elsewhere. Ministers put everything aside to direct the operation around the clock. One of them, Nicholas Sarkozy, who is the Gaullist budget minister, a government spokesman and the mayor of Neuilly, put his life on the line to spend hours talking to Schmitt. Authority and responsibility for the operation went straight to the top, so when, for example, the negotiators needed millions in small notes, it was a matter of a phone call to the Banque de France to have them delivered. Then there was the cooperation of the media, which withheld some information and avoided excessive drama, in the knowledge that Schmitt was obsessed with his celebrity and was listening to the radio.

Best of all for national pride was the bravery of Laurence Dreyfus and Evelyne Lambert, the teacher and the fire brigade doctor. Aged 30 and 25 and both in their first months of professional life, they stand for a quiet devotion and sense of public service, which survives in France though all too often eclipsed of late by the image of bloody-minded selfishness among the farmers, lorry drivers and other tribes. France's state-run nursery schools are full of Laurence Dreyfuses, and the emergency services operate with an efficiency that many countries would envy. On top of that, the pair gave a quiet demonstration of how bravery and determination can be compatible with old-fashioned femininity. In the absence of a gender police in France, no one is analysing, as they would in America, whether Mmes Dreyfus and Lambert are adequate "role models".

Obviously the mistake of a micro-second, the time for Schmitt to reach the detonator before the Beretta bullets hit him, would just as swiftly have tipped the country into a bout of mourning and recrimination. But skill rather than luck made sure it did not. The siege was a lesson for the French that when they get their act together they need no lessons from abroad. And Neuilly was a nice put-down to that old quip, that the French rule for decision-making is "It works fine in practice, but will it work in theory?"

Lynne Truss is on holiday.





MY LEADERSHIP QUALITIES . . . . . ARE NOT IN QUESTION

South Sea sacrilege

Must men go to the ends of the earth and destroy the centuries-old mystery of a sacred place, just to make a vulgar film?

Bernard Levin

Why cannot people leave things alone? And in this case I do mean *things*. Indeed, I mean some of the most remarkable things in the world, things not only unique, but things which once seen can never be forgotten. And I mean that too, literally; no one who has seen these things, as I have, will ever be able to forget them, not that anyone who has seen them would want to.

For what I am talking about is Easter Island, and the familiar but incomprehensible statues which strew this tiny scrap of land — the most remote inhabited ground anywhere in the world. I visited Easter Island in 1989, and as I walked and climbed among those figures, so silent yet so eloquent, I tried to understand, as everyone who sees them tries, who the people were who made the figures, in what language they talked to each other, what the figures represent (the faces are all the same), how they were hewn and shaped, by what means they were transported throughout the island, what unfathomable catastrophe caused the islanders one day to throw down all the statues they had built up with such effort and pain, and — the final, echoing, unanswerable question — what does it all mean?

It is important, for what follows, to remember that none of these questions has ever been answered. The island is strewn with guesses, but nothing more substantial, and every inch of it has been studied in the forlorn hope that it will one day give up its secrets. (Wooden boards were found, carved with an ideographic script, but these were too few to decipher, though many a guess has been made; there are petroglyphs, too, throughout the island, but no one even knows whether these are words or art.) The point, then, is that barring miracles no more enlightenment can ever be expected.

So why my plea for Easter Island to be left alone with its secret and the harmless tourists who come to see it? Because, as those of you who have followed my reports on Easter Island's fortunes will know, the last news I had, and passed on, was bad: possibly very, bad. I reported it in April last year; the Chilean government (Easter Island is a Chilean dependency) had given permission for some Japanese to dig out some of the figures which, over the centuries since the great catastrophe, have embedded themselves in the earth.

Can you think of anything less fitting than that those figures should be disturbed from their eternal rest by a crew of Japanese grave-robbers? Nor did they want a single figure to examine; they wanted to re-erect one of the *ahus* (the great, sweeping plinths) and put back a row of *moai* (the figures themselves) on the *ahu*.

Now, a year after the bad news, I have had a letter from the correspondent who keeps me informed. I can best describe what has happened by quoting the correspondent:

> The work of reconstruction at the Ahu Tongariki is progressing . . . The work is being carried out under the supervision of a team of Chilean archaeologists — the Japanese . . . have diplomatically left . . . The work is being done in a strictly scientific manner . . . The islanders have become resigned to it . . . It is hoped that the Ahu Tongariki will be the last site to be restored.

That sounds reassuring, does it not? It should not have been done, but it seems that it has been done with the least sacrilege. The Chilean authorities cannot be applauded, but at least there is no serious reason to denounce them.

Oh, no? Listen to this:

> The former objections to this work have been largely overshadowed by a greater impact on the island — the arrival of hundreds of technicians and actors and a great amount of equipment for the making of a film by Warner Brothers . . . the film is now providing employment for hundreds of islanders . . . and bringing enormous riches to the population: but a visit to the island is at present a painful experience. Hundreds of people are swarming over the petroglyphs at Orongo, inside the Ana Kai Tangat cave, on the slopes of Rano Raraku and elsewhere: there are miles of electric cable, generators, scaffolding, air-conditioned trailers, portable kitchens and toilets. A motor road has been permitted . . . among the fallan *moai* on the slope of Rano Raraku right up to the quarry; mountains of non-biodegradable garbage and litter are everywhere . . . A factory has been established . . . creating many dozens of replicas made of styrofoam and fibreglass, which have been set up all over the island . . . Villages have been built with . . . incongruously . . . conical African straw huts . . . the film . . . will depict a strange Easter Island, with cannibalism, an invasion of huge rats, a ridiculous love story, a volcanic eruption that blows the heads off the *moais* . . . it will show 20 ft statues of birdmen and other nonsense . . . a nasty and sacrilegious picture . . .

I wish I could believe in damnation — the real thing, not just the swearword. How could permission have been given to such vileness? I am assuming that the authority came from the Chilean government; if not, the Chilean government certainly had the power to impose a veto. Why did it not do so?

I shall tell you why; because even in the Chilean alphabet, B follows A, and C follows B, and D follows C, and — well, you can work out the rest with no great difficulty. When permission was given to disturb the centuries-long sleep of the mighty *moai*, to say nothing of the even more mighty *ahus*, the permission had no better foundation than that a gaggle of Japanese archaeologists wanted to play Easter Islanders. But when the blow fell, the island was — it is the only word — wounded.

It is true that the tourists who come to Easter Island are numerous, and few of them are profoundly versed in archaeology, but even the shallowest, the moment they see what they have to come to see, are struck dumb with awe, and the awe is enough to make sure that the island is visited in a proper frame of mind, so the visitors do not try to chip a fragment off one of the *moai*, or carve their initials in another. But that disturbance of the silent giants, which had lain where they had fallen, and lain there, moreover, for many, many centuries, shifted the balance, the silence and the very meaning, and in that instant the island was made vulnerable: hence the wound.

Leave well alone. Did no one in Chilean authority murmur those words when the idea of disturbing the mighty figures arose? Evidently not. But because no one said those words and acted upon them the first time, it was easier to forget them when the next, and much greater, permission was asked and granted. For all I know, at this moment someone has just given permission for all the figures to be dug out of the ground and sold round the world to improve the Chilean balance of payments.

But it is not necessary to go as far round the mulberry-bush as I have just done. Why, when the idea was broached — the idea of digging out the figures to make the place really tidy — was it not immediately thought an offence to god and man and whoever carved and raised and smashed the figures? Where is reverence? Where is belief? Where is feeling? Where is the past? Where is even an understanding that there is such a *thing* as the past? Assuredly, nowhere near the official who was asked to give permission to make a film on Easter Island, and a film, moreover, that spits upon the past and — worse — knows not awe.

The film-makers have promised to put everything back where it was; it is said that they have guaranteed to do so, and even put up a sum of money to make sure that promise will be fulfilled. They say that they will remove all their equipment, regrass the roads and tracks, destroy all the hideous plastic *moai*, etc. But that promise in itself shows the naïveté of the entire operation. The film-makers believe, because in a film it is possible to *do things that cannot be done in the real* world, that the islanders will be the same, just because the tracks have been re-grassed and the film-makers have taken their garbage with them. But the islanders cannot live in a film; they must live in the real world, and that real world can never now be the same as when it was their age-old, quiet, awe-filled existence.

> . . . But there is a terrible trap before the feet of the islanders; the film people brought much money on to the island, which must be beneficial, though not for long, to their simple economy. And the film may stimulate much-needed tourism after its release. But the invaders brought other delights: heavy drinking, possibly drugs, perhaps even worse. What shall it profit Easter Island, if it ceases to be what has been since those statues were new-made?

Don't knock Norman

The Chancellor is a bold innovator, says

Woodrow Wyatt

In the onslaught on the prime minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, reason has fled in the face of hysterical lynch mobs drinking at polluted fountains of distortion and inaccuracy. Kenneth Clarke said on Sunday, "I am sure Mr Major will retain the leadership for many years to come." He confessed his hope, which most able politicians harbour, that one day he might himself be prime minister. This was promptly construed in the media as his firm bid to replace Mr Major. The prime minister — repeatedly described, even in these pages, as a failed, weak and useless leader — is held to be surrounded by Doubting Thomases.

When Mr Lamont became Chancellor in 1990, headline inflation nudged 11 per cent; it is now comfortably below 2 per cent. He was the first Chancellor seriously to dare the wrath of the mortgagees who were increasing public debt. He capped their tax relief at the 25 per cent tax band, and later at 20 per cent. Saddled with the burden of many extra millions promised during the Tory party leadership contest to alleviate the community charge, he found an ingenious solution. He put VAT up to 17.5 per cent, cutting the community charge by £140 a head. He has reduced corporation tax to 33 per cent, the lowest in the EC and G7 countries, giving a fillip to business. From small family businesses he has removed the blight of inheritance tax, which previously caused many to break up. And the steady drive to the 20 per cent starting-band for income tax for all continues.

In 1993 he began a three-year course of reducing the national deficit from the £50 billion bequeathed by recession. There were yells of rage at one element of the package — VAT on domestic fuel — despite the promise that those on the lowest incomes will receive extra benefit. He has stimulated exports by extending credit guarantees and lowering the premiums to the EC and G7 average. To make more available for capital spending, he has held back public-sector salaries to increases of 1.5 per cent. He inherited a shrinking economy; it is now growing. He is relieving public sector borrowing by allowing injections of private sector money, such as the Channel tunnel rail link with London and the Heathrow express from Paddington. Also he has made available to housing associations £750 million to buy empty properties to help the housing market and to house the homeless.

Norman Lamont has moved the annual Budget setting taxes to late November or early December to unify it with the autumn spending statement. This means that ministers know in July what the total available is, which cannot be exceeded, and it is for them to argue from July to October over who gets what. Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major took us into the ERM at the wrong rate. This may have helped reduced inflation, but the bubble had to burst. It was the duty of Messrs Major, Lamont and the government to the EC to honour their promise to stay in the ERM, but after raising interest rates three times on September 16, it was obvious that they couldn't.

Mr Lamont correctly chose not to devalue within the ERM, as unhappy Spain has had to three times, but to let the pound find its own value. Hence the great edge over our main competitors, resulting in a spurt to exports all round, without inflation from higher import costs becoming a danger. Mr Lamont is determined to keep that in the range of 1-4 per cent. Clearly we will not rejoin the ERM in this parliament, if ever.

I have known every Chancellor since the war. I cannot recall one who has made so many valuable, lasting reforms in so short a time despite virulent personal attacks and demands for his head. John Major, who has been involved in every step, would really be a weak leader if he handed it to the mob. Not saving Strafford from the scaffold did not save Charles I from execution. The parallel is exact.

Instant honours

FRANCE is swaggering after its spectacular success against the nursery gunman, and is delighted by the immediate award of the *Légion d'Honneur* to Laurence Dreyfus, the school teacher who refused to leave her pupils.

Such spontaneity is in marked contrast to the leaden-footed British honours system and — on a day a British woman stood on the summit of Everest for the first time — has inevitably drawn calls for a similar honour to be introduced. Lord Richard, leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, says there should be a facility for bestowing honours on the spur of the moment. "The flaw is that we're not able to do so immediately at the moment," he says.

True, Sir Francis Chichester was knighted almost immediately on his return from sailing single-handed around the world in 1967. But this, it appears, was a rare exception which does not augur terribly well for our Everest heroine, Rebecca Stephens.

Welcoming parties there will be, but an immediate honour looks unlikely — unless, that is, you count a probable invitation to become a full member of the Alpine Club. David Williamson, co-editor of Debrett's Peerage, maintains that honours should remain very hard to come by. "The more there are, the more common it makes them," he says. "And the fact that she is a woman should not necessarily make her a more worthy candidate. That could smack of sexism."

Cheap at the price

TOMORROW, three months before the Queen begins charging tourists £8 to visit Buckingham Palace, she will visit the country seat of a man whose former town house is well known to Her Majesty.

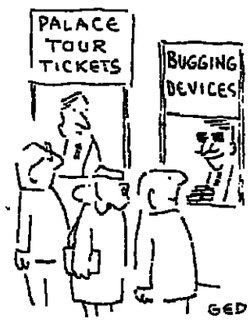
Normanby Hall in Scunthorpe was home to the first Duke of Buckingham, who built Buckingham House in 1703 and whose son, 59 years later, sold on the desirable development to the royal family for £21,000.

The sale was probably one of the luckiest in the royal family's history, says Neil Jacques, Normanby's manager. "The Buckinghams probably should not have sold it but it was impossible to predict how property values would rise."

Wrong type

SO ARE the latest batch of royal tapes real or fakes? Gary Murray, a private investigator who worked freelance for MI5 and MI6 from 1978 to 1983 and is shortly to publish his experiences in *Enemies of the State*, is unequivocal: fakes.

"There are no tapes and the transcripts are just typed out, with no letterhead or anything," he says about the alleged conversations contained in James Whitaker's book *Diana v. Charles*.



DIARY

Over the weekend Whitaker admitted that one tape came not from GCHQ, but from *The People* newspaper. Murray is not surprised: "If it really had come from GCHQ, he would have breached the Official Secrets Act and would probably be behind bars by now."

In Clark's shoes

NOBODY is monitoring the current newspaper serialisation and imminent publication of Alan Clark's diaries more closely than Sir Nicholas Henderson, whose own attempts to publish his memoirs have been stalled for the past four years.

Watching Clark fly in the face of the Radcliffe Rules, formulated in 1976 to control the memoirs of ministers and civil servants, has made Henderson contemplate the impossible: proceeding without the official go-ahead from the Cabinet and Foreign offices.

Henderson, British ambassador to Washington at the time of the Falklands war, feels he has been "discriminated against under the rules. My *memoirs are the model* of discretion compared with Alan Clark's. I owe loyalty to the Foreign Office but I am reaching the end of my tether. Douglas Hurd said last October he was having a look at them but I still have not heard anything."

Opposite wings

ON THURSDAY, the Haymarket Theatre in London's West End will provide the stage for Sir Ronald Millar's party to celebrate the publication of his memoirs *A View from the Wings*. More than 200 of the great and good are expected, including the prime minister, who has "promised to do all he can to come".

The same, however, cannot be said of Baroness Thatcher, for whom Millar worked so memorably. Millar says: "I got a very nice letter saying that she had a foundation meeting and a lunch, and that she was sorry but she could not make it. Last time we met she was a little taken aback by my working for John, but I'm sure her refusal has got nothing to do with the fact that John is coming."

Either that, or the lady's not for spurning.

● *Staff at* The Independent *have remained calm after the news that Carlo de Benedetti, publisher of* La Repubblica, *which owns an 18.6 per cent stake in their paper, has admitted that his firm paid bribes to win public sector contracts. After all, says one, "It's been a lot worse. Some of Bencdetti's shares used to be owned by Robert Maxwell."*





Partners on stage and off

The critical acclaim for Tom Stoppard's first stage play since 1986, appears to have spurred him on. In between sorties to the National Theatre to cast an eye over Trevor Nunn's production of *Arcadia*, which stars Felicity Kendal, he has been plotting his next theatrical venture. Stoppard is adapting for the stage his radio play *In the Native State*, a romantic tale of the dying days of the Raj.

This too starred Felicity Kendal, Stoppard's partner, who receives a dedication in the script. Kendal played Flora Crewe, a romantic, sensuous young poet who occasionally recited her highly-charged, erotic poetry to the great excitement of listeners: "Sweat collects and holds as a pearl at my throat, lets go and slides like a tongue-tip down a Modigliani . . ."

Whether she will play Flora Crewe again has yet to be decided. "There's no secret about Tom adapting the play, but it's too early for us to say whether it will be staged here. We would be talking about next year," says a spokesman. Can the audience wait?

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ACROSS THE BOARD

Whoever loses, the game of chess wins

There is an essential connection between chess and journalism: both are attempts to place some sort of order on a shifting world. But there is a special connection between chess and *The Times*, the newspaper that has been at the heart of recording, managing and teaching the game throughout its history.

We have been asked why we are committing ourselves so heavily to this autumn's battle, the first under the auspices of the newly formed Professional Chess Association, between World Champion, Garry Kasparov, and his British challenger, Nigel Short. The answer — both commercial and philosophical — is that few events could better represent the purposes of *The Times*. The Times World Chess Championship will champion the democratic impact of high technology, the intellect against its enemies, individual freedom against outdated restrictions — and it will entertain on a grand scale.

There has been a degree of carping from disappointed rivals and those who would prefer that the game stayed still. Both on the chess board and in the world of newspapers it was ever thus. Chess has survived for so long precisely because it has been a simulacrum of the real world, reflecting social and intellectual change at various and several removes. Before the rules were fixed in the 16th century, social progress could be assimilated into the structural axioms of the game. The substitution of the more mobile bishop for the ponderous *fil* (elephant) in the 15th century followed the rise of courtly culture. The *firzan*, the early queen, had limited scope and powers; her subsequent rise, it has been argued, reflected the reach and power of late medieval artillery.

More recently, social development has found expression in style of great masters. The cultivation of positional play by Wilhelm Steinitz in the latter half of the 19th century was influenced by parallel changes in military technique, which eventually led to trench warfare. As in war, so in chess, the Germans sought to eclipse the British. The "scientific" school led by Siegbert Tarrasch before 1914 was part of the bid for Teutonic cultural hegemony. Like the early 20th-century avant garde movements in music and art, the hypermodern school in chess reacted against Tarrasch with a dogmatism all their own. But the strongest masters were those who remained independent of any school: Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine.

So it is today: Garry Kasparov has risen to become world champion and the highest-rated player in chess history by drawing on the entire heritage of this uniquely erudite game. Nigel Short managed to inflict heavy defeats on Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman, by absorbing their ideas and outplaying them on their own terms. Mr Short and Mr Kasparov have preserved an edge over their rivals, not only by their skill, but by being more open to the outside world.

The two greatest living chess masters have nothing to fear from their critics. In an age when markets, not municipalities, produce the wealth of the nation, they deserve credit for their decision to play their match with the help of commercial sponsorship. At yesterday's official launch, when the world's press faced the players, both men were united in their desire to heal the breach which has opened between Fidé, and the PCA, the professional chess association, which is supported by both top players and committed to the expansion of the professional game.

The evolution of chess has seen much greater upheavals than that of recent months. Chess is now too important to leave solely to the chess officials. Among the very young, it has a mass following which must become greater still. Its educational value — not least its superiority to computer games — is increasingly recognised. By offering ringside seats to readers through the bonds scheme, by allowing television viewers at home to join in "predictive chess", and finally by organising the two-month London festival of chess, *The Times* has sought to extend the thrills of championship chess to the maximum number of people. There will undoubtedly be more criticism, disinterested or otherwise, in the run-up to September 7. But *The Times* is proud of its role in this event. By backing it, we believe we have struck a blow for a more open, more democratic, more popular approach to chess — and to much else besides.

GERMAN ANGST

Europe must help Germany recover its nerve and strength

The refusal by angry steelworkers in several east German states to accept the compromise for ending their two-week strike will exacerbate the weariness and gloom that have marked Germany since the beginning of the year. Almost everyone knows that the strike has already wrought huge damage on the crumbling industries of the east. The chasm of suspicion between east and west has widened. And as Germany plunges into recession and psychological depression, the strike is seen as a symbolic caesura: a painful end to the years of plenty, the postwar work ethic, and the reliability of Germany as the industrial engine of Europe.

Germany's industrial turmoil, however, is only a facet of a deeper malaise in both east and west. There is worry that the country is being overwhelmed by the post-unification challenges: that the ship of state is drifting rudderless amid dangerous nationalist undercurrents; and that a nation now being urged to play a world role is no longer certain even of its European bearings.

The old certainties are under threat. Prosperity, for 40 years the yardstick of success, is disappearing in higher taxes, massive monetary transfers to the east, and fading industrial competitiveness. Political consensus, which ensured years of stable, decentralised government, has been shattered by a new *Sturm und Drang*: violence on the right-wing fringes, squabbling in the mainstream parties. Predictability, the hallmark of German foreign policy and the quality so valued by Germans in their dealings with their neighbours, has been replaced by turbulence in eastern Europe, post-Maastricht tensions in western Europe, war in the south and the threat of chaos in the former Soviet Union.

As politicians in all parties stumble and quit over petty scandals and abuses of power, there is a growing disillusion with all politics, and a feeling that the nation does not have any politicians of sufficient stature and ability to hold together their parties or offer voters any map of recovery.

It is not only Germany that is searching for this map. Europe's recovery is crucially dependent on Germany. And just as German postwar political ambition was to be anchored in western Europe, so western Europe came to anchor itself on the rock of Germany's financial and political stability. Maastricht's plans for economic and monetary union depend entirely on the power and example of the Bundesbank; political union has Germany at the heart of every European enterprise. Both assumptions must now come into question.

For some years therefore, Germany's partners and neighbours must now adapt to a country preoccupied with its own problems. For years prosperity masked the need for institutional changes, which are now, painfully, being forced on the country. But when Germany recovers its nerve and learns again to run its economy, it cannot be, nor should it be, the milch-cow of western prosperity. It needs its partners' support to meet the current challenges: the best help they can give is to stop trying to build a federal Europe on the crumbling foundation of an idealised "German model". The Germans themselves are beginning to realise that their economic miracle ended some 20 years ago.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

To climb Everest is still a crowning achievement

When Edmund Hillary climbed Everest in 1953 he said: "We've knocked the bastard off". Later he tidied up his observation into a note of "a symmetrical, beautiful snow-cone summit". Yesterday, almost exactly 40 years later, Rebecca Stephens, with a journalist's instinct for timing and headline, said: "I'm on top of the world." Later she can think of a less exuberant cliché for the history books.

Climbers now regularly rise to the roof of the world, many without oxygen and by routes of perverse difficulty and originality. But Everest is still an awesome and perilous place, beyond the range of normal mortals. Yesterday the temperature was minus 36°C. and storm-winds were rising on the final knife-edged snow ridge that has already taken the lives of at least 19 people.

Last week Miss Stephens unselfishly turned back from her chance of celebrity in order to help down a fellow member of the expedition, disabled by snow-blindness after his successful assault on the summit. Today she is the first woman from the United Kingdom to conquer the mountain. She did it in the best possible style, steaming up for the last assault as fast as her Sherpas, while one Sherpa and a male member of the expedition were beaten back by the conditions, and well deserving the title of honorary Sherpani that they have given her.

Eternal Everest is the Goddess Mother of the World to the Tibetans. But there has been a special relationship between Britain and Everest since the Himalayas were opened to the outside world. The mountain is the eponym of the British surveyor-general of India, who destroyed his health by applying trigonometry to the ordnance survey of the wild parts of the Empire.

After Sir George had demonstrated his mountain to be the highest on Earth, its subjection began with the opening of the Tibetan route in 1920, led by Britons, memorably George Leigh Mallory and Andrew Irvine, who vanished within 1,000 feet of the summit and going strong, when the bad weather came down and created their mystery. It was Mallory, just before his disappearance, who defined the attraction of climbing Everest as "because it's there".

For a woman to climb Everest may not quite be a giant leap for mankind. But it is still a sign of astonishing determination, skill and fitness. Those are qualities in which the young women of this generation, in spite of the gloom of the pessimists, are rich. Equal opportunity includes the opportunity to make it to the top of the world. Because it's there, and because they dare.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Possible path for a Maastricht review

From Sir John Megaw

Sir, There may be a serious question whether judicial review, initiated in the English High Court ("Ministers face legal challenge on treaty", May 6), would be an appropriate procedure for decisions as to constitutional questions regarding the Maastricht treaty and the powers of the United Kingdom Parliament in respect of treaties.

The questions which are said to arise concern the United Kingdom. Decisions of the English High Court and Court of Appeal would not be binding on Scottish and Northern Ireland courts. Unless and until the issues reached the House of Lords, which would not happen unless leave to appeal were granted by the Court of Appeal, there would be no final and binding decision by a United Kingdom court.

Apart from that possible question of jurisdiction, may there not also be grounds for the view that the judicial review procedure would not be appropriate because of the governing rules of court and precedents defining the scope and purpose of that procedure? For example, what is the "decision" to be reviewed, and who would be the applicant having the necessary *locus standi*?

Even if such potential difficulties are not substantial or could be overcome, would the significant delays necessarily involved be acceptable if there is an alternative procedure which would eliminate delays in providing a final decision?

There is an alternative procedure. By section 4 of the Judicial Committee Act, 1833, Her Majesty is given power to refer to the judicial committee of the Privy Council for hearing or consideration any other matter whatsoever, as she shall think fit. That power has been used on many occasions over the years, in particular on constitutional questions.

One relevant example of its use, though not the most recent, is the reference to the committee in 1924 of a question whether, under the provisions of the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1921, embodied in the Irish Free State (Agreement) Act, 1922, the United Kingdom government had power to appoint a member of the Irish boundary commission to represent Northern Ireland.

If such a reference were to be made to the judicial committee the members of that committee would presumably be lords of appeal in ordinary. It would be a United Kingdom tribunal. The final and authoritative decision would be given much earlier, avoiding the potential embarrassments and frustrations of the judicial review procedure.

Would not any disadvantage which the judicial committee might feel in not having before it the views of lower courts be heavily outweighed by the benefits?

Yours truly,
JOHN MEGAW
(Lord Justice of Appeal, 1969-80),
14 Upper Cheyne Row, SW3.
May 15.

Union within Europe

From Miss Emma Nicholson, MP for Devon West and Torridge (Conservative)

Sir, Many in Denmark are said not to welcome on their doorsteps Lord Tebbit and Sir William Cash, MP, campaigning against Maastricht. One can understand their endeavours, but as so often happens with these two British politicians, they know not what they do.

Will not history see them as trailblazers for political campaigns along party lines and across national frontiers for elections to the European Parliament? The two are identifying common interests, and that is what closer union within the European Community is all about.

Yours sincerely,
EMMA NICHOLSON,
House of Commons.
May 16.

Discrimination against mentally ill

From the Director of the Mental Health Foundation

Sir, I endorse the letter (May 11) from Professor Andrew Sims, president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and Mr T. F. Durkin, the chairman of MIND. Mental illness is one of the few areas where there is no protection from discrimination, either legally or via accepted good practice.

Even in law, we have the principle of a "spent" conviction, which allows many offenders to wipe the slate clean after a period of time. There is no such thing as a "spent mental illness". Such illness, even after recovery, can blight a person for life.

Research conducted by the Mental Health Foundation, just published, shows that mental illness affects one in four of the UK adult population at any one time.

In the course of a year 12 million adults attending doctors' surgeries have symptoms of mental illness, although only seven million of these are correctly identified.

At present most GPs receive only four weeks' training in this field and even that is voluntary. Yet we know that prompt action by GPs can prevent symptoms becoming more severe and provide a less stigmatising and more cost-effective service.

Yours faithfully,
JUNE McKERROW,
Director, Mental Health Foundation,
37 Mortimer Street, W1.
May 12.

From Dr H. C. Ferguson

Sir, I fully support the concerns expressed by Professor Sims and Mr Durkin, but would advise caution in looking to legislation as a means of forcing sections of society to change their attitude to people who have had a mental illness.

Many people who seek help do so at a time of great personal trauma. Such individuals, with the support of professionals, face up to and often deal with their situation, resolve their conflicts and understand much more about themselves, frequently developing strengths to deal with future challenges in a practical and positive way.

The task for employers, insurance companies and society is to face up to the reality of ignorance and to learn from the experience of those who have overcome a mental illness.

I believe that the introduction of legislation to outlaw discrimination against the mentally ill will just encourage people to develop strategies to circumvent the law rather than deal with the real issue, which is a lack of understanding of an illness which affects so many.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. FERGUSON
(Medical Director),
St Andrew's Hospital,
Billing Road, Northampton.
May 13.

From the Chief Executive of the Association of British Insurers

Sir, Your correspondents ask why insurance companies should be allowed to increase premiums for applicants who have had mental problems.

The basis of insurance is that each individual should pay a rate of premium commensurate with the risk that he or she brings to the common pool. Thus, for life insurance, where an individual has a medical impairment, be it physical or mental, a report is obtained from the individual's own doctor, and if appropriate an independent medical examination and/or tests are arranged.

As a result it is possible to offer life cover to more than 99 per cent of proposers, and only about 4 per cent of cases are charged a higher premium. These figures cover all impairments, not just those that are mentally related.

The risks for medical insurance are slightly different as it is a question of likely sickness as distinct from untimely death. Here, depending on the individual case, it may be necessary to exclude treatment related to mental health, as for some physical conditions.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. JONES,
Chief Executive,
Association of British Insurers,
51 Gresham Street, EC2.
May 11.

Women in professions

From Ms Josephine Hayes

Sir, The employment secretary's enquiry into women in the legal profession (report, May 10; letters, May 17) is welcome. I hope it will include examination of the relationship between the government legal service (as instructing solicitors) and the Bar.

A barrister cannot demand recognition by applying in any ordinary sense for promotion, nor advertise freely. Success depends on her reputation. Acquiring a good reputation is easier if she is well briefed by a competent and adequately resourced solicitor.

Government work is esteemed not only for these features but also because it is understood that those who are briefed have caught the eye of someone in power, and because such cases tend to get wide publicity.

Presumably the government legal service has data showing which barristers are instructed by it. What proportion of them are women? How are they selected? Does the proportion vary according to the category of work? If so, why?

I suspect that, as the employment secretary is quoted as saying, "it is a question of attitude among those who take the decisions".

Yours faithfully,
J. M. HAYES,
3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

From Mr C. N. Jordan

Sir, Neither Bar nor university should alter practices to accommodate classes of person. It is bogus nonsense to talk of women (or for that matter ethnic minorities) being under-represented in any sphere of human activity.

No one becomes a professor or takes silk in order to represent a class. There is no reason to suppose that classes should be placed proportionately throughout society.

Great institutions evolve and are not designed. Tinker with them to adjust their human components to the proportion considered desirable by "liberal" engineers and you will destroy what excellence they retain.

Women at Oxford (leading article, May 10) have already suffered from one ideologically based redesign, the destruction of almost all single-sex colleges. We have yet to see what further harm the feminists can inflict.

Yours faithfully,
C. N. JORDAN,
3 Marder Road, W13.

Off the rails

From Mr Sandy Skinner

Sir, How nice to learn from the Diary (May 14) that *Countdown to 1968*, the late Robert Adley's lament for the steam engine, is to be published in large A4 format. So much more satisfactory than the old small A4 format, don't you think?

Usual compliments,
SANDY SKINNER,
6 Ruston Mews, W11.

British films at risk

From Mr David Puttnam

Sir, In his excellent, if sobering, analysis of the British film industry ("Something to copy from the neighbours", Arts, May 13) Roger Graef draws attention to the scale of US exports in the field of audio-visual material.

He is absolutely right to say that trade in entertainment is now significant enough to merit a place of its own on the EC/US Gatt agenda (indeed it threatens to dominate aspects of that agenda) and although there are some sectors of the US economy which are still higher export earners, it is unlikely this will remain the case for very much longer.

Last year the flow of films, television, video and other forms of audio-visual material from the US to the EC was estimated to be worth $3.7 billion. In the other direction the flow was a rather more modest $250 million, leaving Europe seeing an awful lot of Macaulay Culkin and a deficit of almost $3.5 billion.

It is easy to understand American enthusiasm for the continuation of this state of affairs; but, equally, it is difficult to understand why the British government, with its shared language and historic aversion for tariffs and quotas, has made so little effort to develop a strategy which could productively counter this increasing imbalance, especially in an industry with crushingly high levels of unemployment.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID PUTTNAM,
Enigma Productions Ltd.,
Pinewood Studios, Pinewood Road,
Iver, Buckinghamshire.
May 14.

Christians in Sudan

From the Ambassador of the Republic of Sudan

Sir, Bernard Levin (April 27) claimed that the Sudanese government had been supervising the crucifixion of its own Christian population among other terrible atrocities committed against the Sudanese Christian religious minority, and added: "What we have been told about these terrible things is obviously hard to prove without . . . photographic evidence."

Such allegations are fiction. Sudan is an open country, which generously welcomes journalists and visitors and avails them the opportunity to tour anywhere and to meet whomsoever they want to see.

The challenge facing Mr Levin is to take this opportunity to acquire first-hand information and to observe, photograph, and comment on what he saw. Only then, I believe, would he have the moral right to confirm that such incidents took place in this modern world.

Mr Levin cited biased and prejudged reports to conclude that Sudan's record of human rights is the third worst in the world. On the contrary, the Sudan government's respect for human rights is far stronger than most of the pro-Western governments in the developing world. It stems from its religious obligation, which states that human beings are the most honourable creatures Almighty God has created. My government is proud that there are no political detainees and that citizenship, not religion, is the base for the rights and duties.

Provocatively, the writer referred to the Islamic *sharia* and the Rushdie affair, disregarding the sensitivity of the issue. Muslims everywhere have the right to implement the laws they believe best for them.

Such abusive ways do not help mutual understanding and co-existence between followers of different religions.

When he spoke about accredited diplomats to the Court of St James's, Mr Levin suggested that they defend their governments' stance despite their conscience. It is totally unacceptable to speak in such a libellous way about representatives of countries who are seeking consolidation of friendship and co-operation between their people and the people of the United Kingdom.

With best regards,
ALI M. O. YASSIN,
Sudan Embassy,
3 Cleveland Row, SW1.
May 2.

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London support for CrossRail

From the Chief Executive of London First and others

Sir, We share the view (report, May 7, later editions) that the proposed CrossRail project, linking the eastern and western home counties via a new tunnelled section through central London, remains essential to the economic regeneration and revitalisation of London as a capital city fit for the 21st century.

While there may be a case for further debate about the detail and funding of the project, there can be no defence for its general prospects being damaged because of lack of opportunity for a second reading of the enabling legislation.

We urge HM government to name an early date for a second reading of the CrossRail bill, so that it can go into committee for the detailed examination its supporters would welcome.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN O'BRIEN,
Chief Executive, London First.
HUGH BIDWELL
(Chairman, London Tourist Board).
MICHAEL CASSIDY
(Chairman, Corporation of London policy and resources committee).
JOHN EGAN (Chief Executive, BAA plc).
PETER FOY (Senior Partner, McKinsey & Co).
BRIAN HARRIS (President, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry).
COLIN MARSHALL
(Chairman, British Airways).
ALLEN SHEPPARD
(Chairman, Grand Metropolitan).
BRIAN WOLFSON
(Chairman, Wembley plc).
London First,
5 Cleveland Place, SW1.
May 14.

Road threat to Bath

From Mr T. C. Charrington

Sir, Dr Reeves (letter, May 11) draws attention to the fact that the Bath bypass is part of a plan to build a route from Southampton to Wales and the north. The remainder of the route has not been authorised, although there is a plan, as Dr Reeves points out, to link the Bath bypass with a bypass around Bradford-on-Avon.

It is this which is so disturbing. The Department of Transport is using the need for local bypasses as a way of establishing a motorway-type route in an environmentally sensitive area, in the hope that the rest of the route will follow on naturally, rather than encouraging modest road development in keeping with the locality.

The new dual carriageway around Bradford-on-Avon, which will do as much damage to the Avon valley as the Bath bypass, has yet to be approved. To commence work on the connecting Bath scheme in advance is to put the cart firmly before the horse.

The Bath Preservation Trust is right to propose (letter, May 3) that there should be a fresh look at the scale of the scheme, about which the inspector — who reluctantly approved it on the basis of traffic forecasts — himself expressed considerable doubt on environmental grounds.

Yours faithfully,
T. C. CHARRINGTON,
Hill House, Upper Swainswick,
Bath, Avon.
May 12.

Collapsed companies

From Mr T. R. Baxter-Wright

Sir, The recent collapse of the Moat House Hotel Group, Polly Peck and Brent Walker, amongst other companies, raises an interesting question of responsibility.

Not so long ago stockbrokers, City analysts and financial journalists were urging their clients and readers to invest in these "go-go" companies. Enlightened and progressive management in the companies would, it was said, ensure that the investor would receive above-average dividends and capital growth.

Now these companies have failed, with massive losses, and in some cases the management has been shown to be guilty of enormous fraud.

Do the same analysts and journalists feel any sense of guilt? I have yet to see any written apologies or even a simple statement that they felt sorry to have misled their readers. Can we now trust their recommendations in future?

Yours sincerely,
T. R. BAXTER-WRIGHT,
Castle Hill House,
Monmouth, Gwent.
May 12.

Burnt fingers

From Mrs David Powell

Sir, Last year I wrote (July 9) in praise of cigar-lighters in cars. My GP husband had a useful torch that plugged into our lighter and which he used for finding house numbers in the dark.

Last week our five-year-old son was playing in the car when he was called in to supper. Next morning we had a gutted wreck in the yard. The upturned torch was found on the burnt-out passenger seat.

I am now less certain of the usefulness of cigar-lighters in any capacity.

Yours faithfully,
SABRINA POWELL,
Ballards, 10 Bury Lane,
Bratton, Westbury, Wiltshire.
May 7.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 17: The Rt Hon John Major, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 17: The Prince Edward, President, this afternoon attended the inaugural lunch of the Lord's Taverners Middlesex Region, the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, Cadogan Place, London SW1.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the final of the Champagne Laurent-Perrier Masters, Queens Club, Palliser Road, London W14.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 17: The Prince of Wales left Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning for a visit to the Republic of Poland.

Mr Stephen Lamport, Commander Robert Fraser, RN, and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 17: The Princess of Wales, Honorary Freeman of the Grocers' Company, this afternoon attended a Luncheon with the Court, Grocers' Hall, London EC2.

Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited Oldham and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness visited the Lyceum Music Centre in Union Street, Oldham.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, later opened the Oldham, Rochdale and Bury Child Protection Centre in Lees Road, Oldham.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE,
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 17: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning left for Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia with a party of British Businessmen.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, attended a concert hosted by the Diplomatic Wives Committee of Unicef, at the residence of the German Ambassador, Belgrave Square, London SW1.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Birthdays

Pope John Paul II celebrates his birthday today.

Miss Caroline Charles, fashion designer, 51; Mr Boris Christoff, opera singer, 79; Mr John Clement, former chairman, Unigate Group, 61; Mr Perry Como, singer, 81; Sir Norman Costar, diplomat, 84; Mr Rodger Davis, golfer, 42; Mr Graham Dilley, cricketer, 34; Professor Sir Anthony Epstein, pathologist, 72; Sir Anthony Fell, former MP, 79; Professor G.R. Hall, nuclear scientist, 65; Rear-Admiral P.G. Hammersley, 65; Lord Hartwell, 82; Mr Keith Hellawell, chief constable, West Yorkshire, 51; Mr Norman Hepple, painter, 85; Professor Celia Hoyles, mathematician, 47; Lady Johnston, president, Girls' Public Day School Trust, 77; Mr G. McC. Kitson, former principal, Central School of Speech and Drama, 71; Sir Geoffrey Littler, civil servant, 63; Professor M.S. Longair, astronomer, 52; Professor E.A. Marsland, former vice-chancellor, Birmingham University, 70; Mr Fred Perry, tennis player, 84; the Marquess of Reading, 51; Mr Peter Ryan, chief constable, Norfolk, 49; Lord St John of Fawsley, 64; Lord Schon, 81; Mr N.P. (Nobby) Stiles, footballer, 51; Dr A. Marshall Stoneham, physicist, 53; Mr Charles Wintour, journalist, 76.

Latest wills

Anna Elizabeth Sybil **Butlin**, of Abbotskerswell, Devon left estate valued at £576,039 net.

She left personal legacies totalling £114,000, and 2/5ths of the residue to the RSPCA, and 1/5th of the residue each to the British Wireless for the Blind Fund, National Anti Vivisection Society and the RSPB.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Sunderland, Cleveland, Humberside and Norfolk from HMY *Britannia* until May 20.

The Princess of Wales will attend the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation's marketing presentation "The Emerging Vision" at the Mermaid Theatre at 11.25.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the Christie Hospital, Withington, at 11.20; and, as patron, will visit the Royal Northern College of Music at 124 Oxford Road, Manchester, at 1.00.

Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Elworthy, KG, GCB, CBE, DSO, LVO, DFC, AFC, will be held in St Clement Danes, Strand, London, on Thursday, June 3, at noon. Dress for the occasion will be lounge suit. Tickets are not required but those intending to be present are asked to notify the Ministry of Defence, P1d (Ceremonial) (RAF) on 071-430 7567 or 7314.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev David Picton, Vicar, Old Basing, to be also Rural Dean of Basingstoke (Winchester).

The Rev John Randall, Vicar, St Oswald's, New Bilton, Rugby (Coventry) to be also an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral.

The Rev Stephen Waters, Priest-in-charge, St John, Crewe: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Mossley, Congleton (Chester).

School news

Bute House Preparatory School

Miss Jennifer Lee will be retiring in July after 21 years as Headmistress of Bute House Preparatory School, formerly St Paul's Girls' Preparatory School. Former pupils and parents wishing to be associated with a presentation to her should send their contributions to The Bursar, Bute House Preparatory School for Girls, Bute House, Luxemburg Gardens, London, W6 7EA.

Sherborne School, Dorset

The following awards have been made at Sherborne School:

Scholarships: D P R Fraser (Top), The Pilgrims' School, Winchester; J B Lockhart Smith (Ross Wallace), King's Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove; O J Bradford, Sherborne Preparatory School; T G Ellen, Rokeby and Sherborne; G E Helliar, Sherborne Preparatory School; T C Pike, St Andrew's, Woking and Sherborne; M S Twilley, Milbourne Lodge and Sherborne.

Exhibitions: T A Bugbird, Aldro; E M Habershon, Westbourne House; P W Hall, Edgeborough; J S Halliday, The Pilgrims' School; R J Hemingway, Vinehall; J L Le Gallais, Cottesmore; J S Rawlins, Sandroyd; O D Wills, Sherborne Preparatory School; J E Higginson (Nutting), Sandroyd and Sherborne; S M Lerwill (Raban), Sandroyd; C H Reid, Sherborne Preparatory School Exhibition; D J Reid-Rutherford, St Hugh's, Faringdon and Sherborne; S J Trounce (Jeremy Irons), Newland House.

Art Exhibitions: E R Booty, Monkton Coombe Junior School; A J Cree, Port Regis; R Q Lawrence, Durlston Court; J B Lockhart-Smith, King's Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove; A I MacIntosh, Old Malthouse.

Sixth Form Scholarship: A Au (Crawhall-Wilson), Sherborne School International Study Centre.

Sixth Form Exhibitions: P A Kaitbi, Greensteds School, Nakuru, Kenya; T A Spencer, St John's College, Southsea; D C Gibbs, The Gryphon School, Sherborne; J S Harris-Bass, Aldenham School, Elstree.

Music Scholarships: C L Billington, Westminster Cathedral Choir School; W E Sainsbury, Wells Cathedral School; M A Webster, Dumpton School, Wimborne.

Music Exhibition: G N Shaw, Downside School, Purley.

Worth School

Worth School has awarded academic scholarships to:

Simon Albert, Handcross Park School; Simon Desmond, Worth School, Junior House; Richard Gairdner, Aldro; Sebastian Puyo-Perry, Cranmore School, West Horsley; Michael Whitaker, Worth School, Junior House; Matthew Whitfield, Buckfast Abbey School; Anthony Woodward, Copthorne Preparatory School.

Pangbourne College

Scholarships 1993

The following awards have been made for 1993:

Scholarships

Academic: R Guptara, Christ Church Cathedral School; S Nias, Perrott Hill School.

All-Rounder: D Page, St Piran's.

Art: P Hughes, Farleigh School; M Richardson, Papplewick.

Music: R Guptara, Christ Church Cathedral School.

Exhibitions

Academic: H R Eaton, St Edward's Tilehurst.

Mathematics: E Poon (JS), Pangbourne College JS.

All-Rounders: A Tilley, Hall Grove; J R Garbett, Hoe Bridge School; J A Frost, St Edward's, Tilehurst; J P Mould, Hall Grove; T D F Carbury, Douai, Ditcham House; J P A Cooper, Sandroyd.

Music: C D Parkinson (JS), Yateley Manor; J P Mould, Hall Grove; Susie Toland, Pangbourne College; A Smyth (JS), Pangbourne College.

Awards

Music: Joanna Webb, Cranford House.

Appointments

Professor James Boulton to be Bailiff of the Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham. He succeeds Mr Ken Jones and holds the post for a year.

Lieutenant-Colonel Mordaunt Cohen to be National Chairman of the Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen and Women, succeeding Mr Sydney Davis.

TONY WHITE



A close shave: Anthony Smitherman puts the finishing touches to a pair of bears hewn from a 150-year-old oak felled by the great storm of 1987 in Lamberhurst, Kent. The 1½ ton sculpture, now for sale, is one of a series created from storm-damaged timber

Territorial Army promotions

The Ministry of Defence announces the following Territorial Army promotions effected between January 1 and March 31, 1993.

2nd Lieutenant to Lieutenant

R C Hopkins Gen List, D P Inns RE PCS, S J Kelson Wessex, N P Lykke-Dahn RY, A S Mackintosh 51 Highland, A N Macnaughton RTR, T R McCappin R Signals, D J McManus RE, R C Miller RCT, S A M Morrison Gen List, S Quinn RAMC, A M Robertson Gen List, K Robinson Staffords, R S Robinson R Signals, E M P Scoley Para, B F Simpson RE, R F W Stallard WFR, M Stansfield REME, A G Sutherland LI (V), A T Torrence-Spence R Signals, N B Turk Gen List, J Wentworth AGC(SPS), M S Willcox 51 Highland, F W C P Winkel RY, R S Winter RE.

Lieutenant to Captain

E O Armstrong RA, F Austin RCT, R Bartley Int Corps, P Booth QARANC, J Brookes RAMC, G Bull, R G Burns R Anglian, N Burridge RE, E L Byrne QLR, C G H Carty RRW, S J H Chitham RE, P A Clews R Signals, P J Close RRF, E M Cunningham QARANC, J K Donaldson PARA, D Eaton RAMC, A Grant Scots Yeo, I R Gumm RRW, M Hann RE, P S Houlston LI (V), T A Hunter RE, R Jeffrey RAMC, R J Jenkins AGC(SPS), N J Keegan RAMC, S Keegan QARANC, S D Kennedy INT Corps, C Lawrence AAC, P J Lewis Scots Yeo, P D Longley, C R Malcolm QARANC, S P J McBrearty RACHD, C L G McEwan Scots Yeo, S McGarr PWRR, J McKay 51 Highland, A M Miller LI (V), G B Molyneux RRF, R M Munro AAC, C Nelson RE, M A Northover AGC(SPS), L A Northwood-Smith Int Corps, C S Payn R Signals, M E M G Rogers TD AGC(SPS), G V Seth RAMC, W J Shirley R Signals, C J Spicer QARANC, C G Stubbings, W H Terrett TD RAMC, I M Welsh AAC, R S Willcock RE, T C Williams R Mon RE (M), M G Winter INT Corps, J M Woodhouse QLR, D R C Woods AAC.

Captain to Major

M N Baker LI (V), G R Bryson RA, D K B Cadwallader TD RAMC, J H L B Carter AGC(SPS), P J Clark QARANC, D J Clewley QARANC, P P J Coulter LI, W A Davey D and D, C A Downward, K B Hurley AGC(Pro), B K Javin REME, J W Lee TD REME, A H Leeson RCT, P S Leigh AGC(SPS), J A Macleod RE, J R Manley MBE RE, J E Mear QARANC, N S Morrisson 51 Highland, G J J Neale CBE RRW, C M S Ottowell LI (V), G E Peloise RA, L J Pitt RCT, D R M Simms RA, A I Taverner RA, J H Wilkinson RA.

Major to Lieutenant-Colonel

M Deighton TD R Signals, A C Dixon TD PARA, Laurence TD R Signals, J R Wyatt MBE RE.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Butler, theologian, Wantage, Berkshire, 1692; Christopher North (John Wilson), philosopher and writer, Paisley, 1785; Hugh Clapperton, African explorer, Annan, Scotland, 1788; Oliver Heaviside, physicist, London, 1850; Bertrand Russell, 3rd Earl Russell, philosopher and mathematician, Trelleck, Gwent, 1872; Walter Gropius, architect, Berlin, 1883; Dame Margot Fonteyn, prima ballerina, Surrey, 1919.

DEATHS: Elias Ashmole, antiquary, 1692; Pierre de Beaumarchais, dramatist, Paris, 1799; George Meredith, novelist, Box Hill, Surrey, 1909; Isaac Albéniz, pianist and composer, Cambo-les-Bains, 1909; Gustav Mahler, composer and conductor, Vienna, 1911.

The United Free Church of Scotland was formed, 1843.

Allied forces captured Monte Cassino, Italy, 1944.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.W.F.S. Brzeskwinski and Miss C.E.S. Burdett

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs G.F. Brzeskwinski, of Broadstairs, Kent, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.V. Burdett, of Wooburn, Buckinghamshire.

Mr G.A. Elliott and Miss J.K. Lamble

The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Terence Elliott, of Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and Jenny, eldest daughter of Mr Roger Lamble, of Westbourne, Hampshire, and Mrs Gillian Lamble, of Exford, Somerset.

Mr C.W. Fairbairn and Miss M.B. Normande

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr David Fairbairn, OBE, and the Hon Mrs Susan Fairbairn, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Marcia daughter of Senhor and Senhora Manoel Normande, of Maceio, Brazil.

Mr A.D. Lobbenberg and Miss J.S. Whittington

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Mr George Lobbenberg and Mrs Margaret Lobbenberg, of Shrewsbury, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Whittington, of Highgate, London.

Mr J. McKelvey and Miss L.D. Lovel

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew McKelvey, of South Shields, and Lucy, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Tim Lovel, of Holywell Hall, Durham.

Dr A.N. McLean and Dr E. Manasses

The engagement is announced between Alan, elder son of Dr K. and Dr N. McLean, of Dalkeith, Edinburgh, and Mia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Manasses, of Lockleaze, Bristol.

Mr A.P. Niblock and Miss C. Wheeler

The engagement is announced between Ashley, son of the late Leonard Niblock and of Mrs Cynthia Niblock, of Coventry, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Wheeler, of Cambridge.

Mr C.A. Passam and Miss J.M. Griffiths

The engagement is announced between Colin, only son of Mr and Mrs Norman Passam, of Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire, and Julie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Griffiths, of Durham City, County Durham.

Mr M.J. Skok and Miss W. Bloomfield

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr Robert Skok, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Cameron Gough, of Calne, Wiltshire, and Wendy, elder daughter of Mr Peter Bloomfield, of Petworth, Sussex, and Mrs Kathleen Bloomfield, of Witley, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr C. Pearman and Mrs J.R. Hack

The marriage has recently taken place between Clive Pearman and Adrienne Hack.

University news

Oxford

Balliol College

Elections to scholarships and exhibitions

To Noble Scholarships: Michael Alan Collins, formerly of Tonbridge School; Michael Thomas Bieder Holmes, formerly of St Edward's School, Oxford.

To Reynolds Scholarships: Robert Thomas Gifford Nash, formerly of Birkenhead School; Gerard Simon Joseph Russell, formerly of St Paul's School, London.

Lancaster

Honorary doctorates in law will be awarded to the following in December: Sir Adrian Cadbury, Chancellor of the University of Aston; Mr David Tweedie, Visiting Professor in International Centre for Research in Accounting.

Essex

Professor Joan Busfield to be a Pro-Vice-Chancellor. She is the first woman to hold the post.

City

The following to receive honorary degrees at a ceremony at Guildhall tomorrow:

The Very Rev Thomas Evans, Dean of St Paul's (Doctor of Divinity); Sir Roy Griffiths, adviser to government on the organisation of the health services (Doctor of Science); Lady Brook, founder and president of the Brook Advisory Centre for Young People (Doctor of Science); Lord Ashley of Stoke, former MP (Doctor of Science), Margaret Hodge, former leader of Islington council (Doctor of Civil Law); Prebendary Dr Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans (Doctor of Science).

Service dinners

Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons)

Major-General John Hopkinson presided at the annual regimental dinner of the Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons) held last night at the Caledonian Club.

RAF Club Dining Society

Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held last night at the club. Wing Commander W.A. Beaumont, president, was in the chair and Sir Peter Matthews also spoke.

Dinner

Lord High Commissioner

Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Macfarlane gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Among those present were:

The Lord Justice-Clerk and Lady Ross, Viscount and Viscountess Weir, Lord and Lady Rothschild, Sir Robin and Lady Duthie, Mr and Mrs Campbell Duff, the Rev Alan and Mrs Forrest, the Rev William Hogg, Mr and Mrs Turnbull Hutton, Professor and Mrs Maxwell Irvine, the Provost of Bearsden and Mrs Miller, Mr and Mrs Colin Montgomerie and Mrs Margaret Peebles.

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BIRTHS

BAYLEY - On May 16th, to Annie (née Slogdale) and Mark, a son, Benedict.

BRESGES - On May 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Susanne (née Karbaum) and Michael, a beautiful daughter, Kristina Hope, a sister for Carolin.

COLLEDGE - (Thorpe) On 5th May 1993 at Wycombe General Hospital to Alison (née Thorpe) and Mike, a beautiful baby daughter Louise Mary.

DREW - On 14th May 1993, to Charlotte and Roger, a daughter, Georgia Susannah.

GOODMAN - On May 13th 1993, to Pamela (née Blount) and Rupert, a son, Felix Christopher Woodward.

GREENSLADE - On 17th May 1993, to Veronica (née Denyer) and Richard, a son, Edward Arthur William.

HARRIS - On May 13th, to Elizabeth (née Farrell) and Michael, a son, Nicholas Patrick.

HAYWARD - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra (née Sitwell) and Rick, a daughter.

HOBSON - On May 13th 1993, to Tricia and Charles, a son, Patrick William.

HOLT - On Monday May 17th at The Lister Hospital, Stevenage, to Sasha (née Chapple) and Jonathan, a son, Bertram John Chapple (Bertie), a brother for Christopher.

IRVING - On Saturday May 15th at The Buchanan Hospital, St Leonards, Sussex, to Karen and Jeremy, a daughter, Emma Anne Howy.

LINDSAY - On 12th May, to Diana, wife of Earl of Lindsay, a boy and a girl.

LING - On May 16th, to Jane (née Harrison) and Jeremy, a beautiful daughter, Katie Helena.

PARKER - On May 12th, to Fiona (née Stuart) and Simon, a son, William James Carson, a brother for Harriet.

SANDBERG - On 16th May, to Camilla (née Forrester) and Neil, a son, Thomas Alexander Rory.

SOMERVILLE - On May 12th, to Grazyna and John, a daughter.

SUPRAMANIAM - To Margy, wife of Paul, on 18th April 1993, in Singapore, a son.

TEATHER - On May 15th, to Judy (née Carr) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Charlotte Philippa, a sister for Victoria.

TRAVIS - On 2nd May, to Pamela and Simon, a daughter, Cressida Jemima Flora, a sister for Clementine.

BIRTHS

YORATH - On May 15th 1993 in Chicago, to Angela (née Haviland) and Martin, a son, William Edmund Lewis, a sister for Megan.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On May 13th, peacefully at home, Charles aged 83. Loving husband of the late Florence Atkinson and father of Elizabeth, David, Mary and Ann. Service at St Martin's Church, East Horsley, Tuesday May 18th 12.15pm, followed by committal at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, 1pm. Donations if desired to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.

BAILY GIBSON - On May 15th 1993, peacefully at home in Wales, James (Jimmy), dearest husband of Gwynneth and much loved father of Simon and Jane. Private cremation at his request and please no flowers.

BANNISTER - Peacefully at home on May 15th, John Patrick aged 58 of Bessels Green. Funeral Service, Friday May 21st 1.15 pm at St Botolphs Church, Chevening, followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but if so desired donations to Royal Marsden Hospital, c/o Welham Jones, 156 London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1DJ, tel: (0732) 742400.

BARNETT-ROBERTS - On 15th May, Mary Elisabeth (Lisa), née Graham, aged 81, widow of John Dainty killed 1941 in Libya and David Barnett-Roberts died 23rd February 1993, loved sister of Jane and Sydney. Funeral at 11 am on 24th May at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side, London SW4.

BELL - On 16th May, Nicholas John aged 33, in London. Beloved son of Janice and George, brother of Adrian, George, Amber and Beth. A good friend to many. Funeral Service at 3.30 pm Gunnersbury Cemetery on Wednesday 19th May.

BLUNT - On May 15th at Ulting Wick, peacefully, Anthony John Gaire, aged 64, husband of Sally, father of Antonia and Camilla, grandfather of Charlie, Rory, George and Max. Funeral Service All Saints Church, Ulting, at 2.30 pm on Friday 21st May. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to Chelmsford Hospice Appeal, Farley House, Chelmsford.

BOYD ROCHFORT - Elizabeth Rohays Mary, on Monday May 17th 1993, peacefully at Inchmarlo House, Banchory. Funeral private. No letters please.

DEATHS

BRAY - On 16th May 1993, peacefully at his home, Carl aged 85 years, husband of the late Mary, dear father of David, Colin, Nigel, Jeremy and Jody and a dear grandpa. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Mudeford, on Friday 21st May at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired may be sent for The Parkinsons Disease Society to Miller Bros and Butler Ltd., Funeral Directors, 119 Bargates, Christchurch, Dorset, tel: (0202) 485439.

COARD - On May 13th, peacefully at the Princess Alice Hospice, Margaret Joan (Peggy), dearly loved sister of Dick. Cremation at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hounslow Road, Hanworth, Feltham, on Thursday 20th May at 12.30 pm. Floral tributes to Funeral Directors, Frederick W Paine, 102 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex, by 11 am Thursday May 20th or donations in lieu to the Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey.

COLEMAN - On 15th May 1993 Leonora Emma (Sally) aged 92 years. Widow of Lt. Col. P.G. Coleman D.S.O., and dearly loved mother of Michael, Lishle and Jo (Dec'd), and devoted grandmother to her 6 grandchildren. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday 21st May at 1.20 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to World Wild Life Fund, c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing tel: (0903) 234516.

CROSS - On 15th May peacefully at Derbyshire House, East Leake, Major Arnold Tracy Cross, T.D., devoted husband of the late Katherine and much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bunny, Notts. at 2.30 pm on Thursday May 27th. Family flowers only.

de VEAUCE - On Sunday May 9th, peacefully, at Admiral's Walk, Pirbright, Marie, Baroness de Veauce.

FULLAGAR - On May 14th 1993, Alice May, aged 86, of Chingford, after a brief final illness. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Service of Thanksgiving and Commendation at St. Margaret's Church, Biddlesden, near Brackley, Northants. on Friday May 21st 1993 at 2 pm. followed by cremation at Oxford. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Arthritis Care c/o Messrs W.J. Franklin & Son Funeral Directors, 30 High Street, Brackley, Northants. NN13 5DS.

DEATHS

GALLAGHER - Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, May 15th 1993 (peacefully). Charles, beloved husband of Pauline née Fitzsimons, father of Brian, Peter, Yvonne, Charles, David, Andrew, Daniel, Avril and Matthew. Greatly loved by all his family, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren. Removal Thursday 20th May at 7 pm from Dublin Airport to Foxrock Church, arriving at 8.30 pm. Mass of the Resurrection at 11.30 am on Friday 21st May. Funeral afterwards at Shanganagh Cemetery Funeral Directors, Staffords, 60 North Strand, Dublin 3.

GRAEME - On May 14th 1993, peacefully at home, Ian Graeme CB OBE (Major General), a few days before his 80th birthday, beloved husband of the late Jean, father of Sheelagh and Gillian and a much loved grandfather. No flowers please. Donations to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QG. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Monday May 24th at 2.15 pm.

HEATON - On May 16th peacefully in hospital, Margaret Patricia Anne, darling wife of Ted. Funeral Service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Cobham, Kent, on Friday 21st May at 10.30 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations towards flowers for Cobham Church to Lewis Solomon Funeral Directors, 19 Darnley Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0RZ.

ISON - On Thursday May 13th 1993, suddenly at a conference in Canterbury, Walter Douglas, aged 80 years, loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service Thursday May 20th at 3 pm in St Peter's Church, Bournemouth, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations for Royal Bournemouth Hospital may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN.

JAMES - On May 14th 1993, Janet May (nee Davies) aged 84 years, widow of the Rev. W.J. James, mother of Alwyn and Carol and grandmother of Rhiannon, Katherine, Rupert and Elizabeth. Funeral at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, on Wednesday May 19th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The Friends of the Clergy Corporation c/o Evan Thomas & Sons Ltd., Bronwydd, 28 Dulais Road, Seven Sisters, Neath SA10 9EL.

DEATHS

KENYON - On 16th May 1993, The Right Honourable Lloyd, Lord Kenyon Baron of Gredington C.B.E., D.L., LL.D., F.S.A., peacefully at home aged 75. Dear husband of Leila, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral private, a thanksgiving service will be held at St Chad's, Hanmer, at 2 pm on Tuesday 15th June. Donations to St Chad's Church Hanmer and Macmillan Nurses.

LEVINE - On May 15th 1993 peacefully at home, Sydney Henry Levine C.B.E., aged 90, husband of the late Leila and father of Nicholas and the late Catherine. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (West Chapel) on Friday May 21st at 3pm. Flowers if wished to Leverton & Sons, 624 Finchley Road, NW11 by 1pm.

LUMLEY - On 16th May, peacefully after a very brief illness, Sue. Dearly loved sister of Anne Caruth. Funeral at All Saints Church, Kenton, Exeter, on May 21st at 3 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to The Injured Jockeys Fund. Enquiries to B.G. Wills & Son, 22 Brunswick Place, Dawlish, EX7 9PD, tel: (0626) 862426.

MACKINNON - Very suddenly on Saturday May 15th 1993, Gordon Mackinnon M.A.LL.B. Beloved husband of Edith of 18 Westholme Terrace, Aberdeen. Dear father of Diana, Patricia, Fiona and Susan. Service at Craigiebuckler Parish Church on Thursday May 20th at 1 30 pm, thereafter cremation private. Family flowers only please.

PEGRAM - Lorna of Deal, died 16th May 1993, aged 66. Funeral Service takes place Barham Crematorium on Friday 21st May at 4 pm. Modest flowers or donations for the N.S.P.C.C. c/o E.B. Cavell, 25 Albert Road, Deal, tel: (0304) 373275.

PORTER - On May 14th, suddenly at home, The Right Reverend David Brownfield, aged 87, formerly The Bishop of Aston and The Dean of Edinburgh. Beloved of all the family and his many friends. Funeral Service at St Andrew's, Sevenhampton, on Monday 24th May at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Cobalt Unit Appeal Fund, Cheltenham Hospital and St Andrew's Church.

DEATHS

RICHARDSON - On May 15th 1993, Hugh George Gleadow, younger son of the late Major G.P. and Mrs M.B. Richardson. Funeral Service at the Liberal Catholic Church, Letchworth, on Friday May 28th at 11.30am. No flowers but donations to The Marie Curie Cancer Care and all enquiries c/o A.F. Townsends Funeral Service, 18 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambs. tel: (0223) 843182.

ROBINSON - On 11th May at home, Cyril Whyte, aged 92, of Olympia, West London. Funeral arrangements: telephone St Mary Abbots Church on (071) 937-5136.

ROGERS - On May 14th 1993 after a long illness borne with great courage, Margaret Kirkby Childers, at her home in Weston-super-Mare. Fortified by the Rites of Holy Church. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Ellenborough Park South, Weston-super-Mare, on Monday May 24th at 11 am followed by interment at Ebdon Road Cemetery. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Friends of Radiotherapy c/o Cooksley and Son, 1 Wallscote Road, Weston-super-Mare.

ROWELL - On Saturday May 15th 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Robert Maningay Rowell. Husband of the late Anne, dear father to Anne Mary, Robin, Jane, Nicholas and close friend of Nicola. Thanksgiving Service at St Edward's Church, St Edward's Passage (off Kings Parade) Cambridge on Thursday May 20th at 2.30 pm. Any donations for The Macmillan Nurses may be sent c/o Brookfields Hospital, Mill Road, Cambridge.

SMAITH - Peacefully in her sleep at Gatehouse of Fleet, on 14th May, aged 82 years, Kay of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, beloved wife of Linton, dear mother of Susan, Michael and Judy and a much loved mother-in-law and granny. Service at Jesmond United Reformed Church on Thursday 20th May at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation at Newcastle Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu, may be sent to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, Copeman House, St Mary's Court, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 7TD.

TILLOTSON - On 16th May 1993, Marguerite Diana, peacefully at home. Dearly loved wife of John and mother of Jimmy and Amy. Funeral private, family flowers only. Memorial Service at 4 pm on Tuesday 1st June at St Mary's Church, Tysoe, Warwickshire.

DEATHS

TURCK - On Sunday May 16th, peacefully at home, Karl Heinrich Walter Turck, Dr. Ing. FRSC, late Chemical Research Division Manager for Distillers/B.P. Dearly loved by Lischen and his family. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Nork, Surrey, on Friday May 21st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation c/o Longhurst, 21-23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey.

URMSTON - On May 17th, peacefully in hospital, Charles William Brabazon. Funeral 21st May 10.30 am Putney Vale Crematorium.

WEBB - Natalie Mary (née Dudley) on May 14th 1993, peacefully at home after illness. Dearly loved by her three children and many friends. Service and burial at Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton, Worcs. May 19th 11.30am. Details (0384) 396249 or (0527) 72318.

WILMOT - On May 15th, peacefully at home in Barnes, Elizabeth (née Montgomery) of Motley. Funeral, Thursday May 20th, Putney Vale 11 am. No flowers please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EVERSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sydney Frank Everson, Past Master of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers, will be held in St James' Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London EC4, on Monday 7th June at 2.15pm.

NUNN - A Memorial Service for Beatrice Bessie Nunn of Bridge House, Elstead, Surrey, will be held at the Church of St John the Baptist, Puttenham, Guildford, Surrey, on Saturday May 29th at 3 pm.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

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AIR VICE-MARSHAL CYRIL KAY



Air Vice-Marshal Cyril Kay, CB, CBE, DFC, Chief of Air Staff of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, 1956-58, died on April 29 aged 90. He was born in Auckland on June 25, 1902.

BESIDES rising to the top of his profession in New Zealand, Cyril Kay will be remembered for his wartime command of No 75 squadron, the first New Zealand squadron to take part in bombing operations over Germany.

The establishment of the squadron came about almost by accident. In 1939 Kay had come to Britain from New Zealand to take delivery of a number of Wellington bombers for *the recently-formed* RNZAF. However, when war broke out, a desperately pressed British government asked if, instead, the New Zealanders would consent to establish their bomber squadron in England. Thus, in 1940, No 75 (New Zealand) Squadron came into being, based at Feltwell, Norfolk.

Kay commanded the squadron on some of Bomber Command's early attempts to launch a meaningful *strategic air offensive against* Germany. Equipped as it was with the Barnes Wallis-designed Wellington, of famously robust geodetic construction, No 75 was in a better position both to inflict and survive damage than those RAF squadrons which were still flying the hopelessly obsolete Hampden and Blenheim bombers.

Under Kay, No 75 gained its place in Bomber Command annals for the VC won by one of its sergeant pilots, Jimmy Ward, on the night of July 7, 1941, while bombing Münster. With *cool bravery Ward climbed out onto* the wing of his Wellington to extinguish a fire which had been started in the starboard engine by a burst of tracer from a German fighter. It was one of the most extraordinary VCs of the war. Kay himself won the DFC for his leadership of the squadron.

"Cyrus" (as he was generally known) Kay was already a flier of tremendous experience by the time war broke out. He had originally come to Britain to join the RAF in 1926. He soon established himself as a pilot of great verve and skill, and like Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle (who also died this month) he took part in the 1929 Hendon air display.

In the following year, with a fellow New Zealander, Harold Piper, he asked for extended leave to try to break the time Bert Hinkler had set for the England-Australia flight in 1928. In the event their choice of aircraft, a Desoutter Mark II, proved unequal to the torrid climate they encountered en route. And they never came near equalling Hinkler's solo effort of 15½ days, thanks to a catalogue of breakdowns and forced landings. In 1931 Kay left the RAF and was involved in a number of *aeronautical ventures over the next* few years.

He took an advanced gliding qualification in Germany; he demonstrated a New Zealand-made automatic pilot in Europe; and he took part in the 1934 Melbourne Centenary air race, coming in fifth in a Dragon Rapide with Jim Hewett, a fellow New Zealander. He and Hewett continued on over the Tasman sea to complete the first direct *England-New Zealand flight.*

When the Royal New Zealand Air Force was established in 1935 Kay joined it, and over the next few years was closely connected in its development. As such he was involved in the events which saw him flying, once *again, with the RAF from 1940.* After relinquishing command of No 75 he went to 8 Group for a short period before returning to New Zealand.

In the postwar period he returned to this country on a number of occasions, in 1946 to attend the Imperial Defence College and in the 1950s as AOC HQ London. His progress to the top of the RNZAF was a swift one. In retirement he enjoyed golf and in 1964 published his memoirs, *The Restless Sky.*

He leaves his widow, Florence, whom he had married at the RAF church, St Clement Danes, in the *Strand, in 1932, and two daughters.*

CDR ANTHONY COBHAM

Commander Anthony John Cobham, GC, MBE, *died on May 14 aged 83.* He was born on October 10, 1909.

ANTHONY Cobham was serving as a midshipman in the cruiser HMS *Devonshire* in 1929 when he won the Empire Gallantry Medal which was later exchanged for a George Cross. On July 26, 1929, *Devonshire* — one of a *new class of heavy cruiser* which had been completed earlier that year — was carrying out trial firings of her eight-inch main armament, all four twin turrets shooting simultaneously. At the first salvo there was an explosion which blew off the roof of one of the turrets killing or injuring most of its crew. With one of the ship's able seamen, George Niven, Cobham made for the scene of the disaster with stretcher parties and, at the same time, ordered fire hoses to be rigged.

Cobham and Niven went unhesitatingly into the wrecked turret, in spite of the fact that cordite fires were still burning fiercely, giving off clouds of choking smoke. They carried out injured men *to safety and Cobham then* directed hoses onto the blaze which was gradually brought under control. He and Niven suffered severely from the effects of the cordite smoke, though neither of them realised it until afterwards.

Both men were awarded the EGM, gazetted in 1930, and when in March 1942 Cobham was invited to an investure at Buckingham Palace to have his medal exchanged for a George Cross, Niven was flown to London from a shore base in the Western Isles so that they could receive their GCs on the same occasion.

Between the wars Cobham was one of the pioneers of expedition training and explored some of the remoter, barely-known islands of the West Indies in a whaler. Fifty years later he was fascinated to re-visit one of them, Petit St Vincent, by then a holiday resort, after being invited to do so by its proprietor, who had been enthralled by reading Cobham's log of his first visit there.

After retiring from the Royal Navy in 1955 Cobham was, for some years, a schoolmaster in Fareham.

He leaves his widow, Mollie, two sons and a daughter.

MAURICE FARQUHARSON

Maurice Farquharson, CBE, MC, Secretary of the BBC, 1957-63, died on May 14 aged 94. He was born in Southampton on March 29, 1899.

WHEN Hugh Carleton *Greene became director-gen*eral of the BBC in 1960, he began a radical process of modernising it, which of course included a clearing out of many old guard senior members of staff. At first sight, *an obvious candidate to go* was Maurice Farquharson, the impeccably dressed, white-haired head of secretariat of the BBC, who was already 60 years of age. Farquharson was, however, clearly highly efficient and Greene hesitated, influenced by the wisdom of his chief assistant, Oliver Whitley, who emphasised how effective Farquharson had been in organising the BBC's earlier evidence to the Beveridge Committee of 1949.

The BBC was to be handsomely rewarded, because it was largely owing to the way in which Farquharson personally marshalled the BBC's presentation of evidence to the Pilkington Committee on Broadcasting, which made its report in June 1962, that that committee gave the BBC such a clean bill of health.

Maurice Gordon Farquharson was educated at West*minster School, where he was* a King's Scholar. He enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in 1917 and joined Lord Gort's 1st Battalion of the regiment as an ensign in France in the area of the Canal du Nord in *September 1918. He was just* in time to win the Military Cross leading part of No 2 Company of the battalion in some of the last battles of the first world war, as when in October General Torquil *Matheson's Guards Division* pressed hard on retreating German troops and recaptured the linen town of Solesmes, east of Cambrai, after four years of German occupation.

After the war Farquharson went up to Christ Church, Oxford, and then to teach French at Bedales School. He left there to become an actor, working for the Old Vic and the Northampton Repertory Company and having parts in several radio plays on the BBC.

Farquharson stopped acting to become the assistant secretary of the National Council of Social Service, a job that involved him in much letter-writing. He also served on a committee of the Carnegie Trust, which administered dramatic and musical festivals in small towns and villages in England and Wales. In 1935 *he was taken on by the BBC as* an assistant in the Empire Service. But Stephen Tallents, who was then the BBC's controller of public relations, soon brought Farquharson over to his division of the BBC *— to be head of its information* department. By 1937 he had risen to be director of home intelligence and was responsible for home intelligence under Oliver Whitley; listener research under Bob Silvey; *and programme* correspondence under Jim Thornton.

By 1942 he had become director of secretariat, with Jim Thornton as his deputy. And it was in that job that *Farquharson made his reputation as a minuter and* organiser, which included setting up the first BBC duty office and generally coordinating various BBC committees: fidgety work at which he was *not only painstaking but both* sensitive and sensible.

Farquharson held this post all the way through the reconstruction and expansion of the BBC after the war. By 1950 he had been redesignated head *of secretariat, and appointed* OBE in 1951. From 1953, and for the next ten years, Farquharson was secretary to the BBC's board of management and also head of secretariat, initially with Richmond *Postgate (brother of* Raymond) as assistant head. In 1957 he became in addition secretary to the board of governors and, therefore, bore the proud title of Secretary of the BBC. He retired in 1963 *and was advanced to CBE.* Farquharson was one of the key people who, regardless of changes higher up or lower down, made the BBC work in *the postwar era.*



In private life he was a family man, happily married since 1930 to his wife Nan, with two daughters and a son. He loved his house on the edge of Hampstead Heath; *conversation, in which he* could be very witty; and painting, particularly in the last 30 years.

THORKILD JACOBSEN

Professor Thorkild Jacobsen, formerly Professor of Assyriology at the University of Chicago and at Harvard University, died on May 2 aged 88. He was born in Copenhagen on June 7, 1904.

THORKILD Jacobsen arrived at the Oriental Institute in Chicago, having just completed an MA in Assyriology, at an opportune time. In 1927 *the institute was embarking* on the greatest period of archaeological discovery of this century. Despite the Depression, American, British, German and French archaeologists were mounting impressive campaigns, mainly in Iraq, Egypt, Turkey, and Palestine. By 1930 Jacobsen found himself in the field with the British archaeologist Seton Lloyd and the Dutch archaeologist and art historian Henri Frankfort.

Jacobsen excavated at important sites in Iraq, including Tell Asmar, Khafaje, Ischaly, and Khorsabad, and in traditional style dangled from a cliff to copy an inscription from an aqueduct at Jerwan. This was not only the most productive but also the most romantic period of archaeology in Iraq, during which time *archaeologists enjoyed the* privileges of colonial rule and employed teams of hundreds of local workers.

As Jacobsen himself explained, these were formative years when stratigraphy and *pottery sequences were being* developed, and when archaeological training consisted of a year's course of lectures for one hour a week.

Although he actually wrote his PhD on a Syriac commentary to the Book of Job, Jacobsen soon began to make his mark as a Sumerologist under the guidance of the great German scholar (and *Nazi sympathiser) at the* Oriential Institute, Arno Poebel. Like archaeology, Sumerology was a fledgling science. At that time hardly a single tablet of a Sumerian literary text was unbroken. *Jacobsen's own translations of* Sumerian literature were influenced by Poebel's strict adherence to grammar, as well as by the current linguistics of Otta Jespersen. This evolved into his own profound analysis of Sumerian grammar, which he was continually refining until his death.

Jacobsen's publication in 1939 of *The Sumerian King List set new standards.* His interests in ancient society were not isolated from the events of his own world. The seminal article, "The Assumed *Conflict between the Sumeri*ans and Semites in Early Mesopotamia," demolished the theory that Mesopotamia was a racial battleground between Semites and Sumerians; here Jacobsen was, admittedly, responding to rising anti-Semitism and racism in Nazi Germany. Similarly, his later articles, "Primitive Democracy in Ancient Mesopotamia" (1943) and "Early Political Development in *Mesopotamia," now emerge* as a response to an East-West doctrinal dispute between scholars, who saw Mesopotamia as governed by capitalism and private ownership on the one hand, or state control and *centralised authority on the* other.

After the second world war, Jacobsen used his position as Director of the Oriental Institute and Dean of Humanities to gather up the best Assyriologists of the day, mostly refugees from Nazi Germany, to revitalise the important Chicago Assyrian Dictionary Project. Among these scholars were A. Leo Oppenheim, Hans Güterbock, and Benno Landsberger. Landsberger's contributions to Akkadian and Sumerian lexicography helped shape Jacobsen's unique grasp of the nuance *and subtleties of Sumerian* vocabulary.

The image of two mature scholars, Landsberger and Jacobsen, meeting every week to read cuneiform texts together reflects the sense of discovery and urgency which Jacobsen's reminiscences invoked. It was this vision of the importance of the work which prompted Jacobsen finally to *leave the Oriental Institute in* 1963 for Harvard, when he became troubled by what he perceived as lack of accuracy in the first volumes of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary.

It was after the death of Jacobsen's first wife, Rigmor, that he turned to work on the love poetry of Inanna and Dumuzi, which eventually culminated in two major volumes of translation and analyses of Sumerian literature, *The Treasures of Darkness* (1976) and *The Harps that once...* (1987). Not all of his translations are accepted by all Sumerologists. Jacobsen has been seen as reading too much of Rudolph Otto's "numinosity" *into Sumerian* religion, and by associating Sumerian gods too closely with natural phenomena; too many "date clusters" and too much "rising sap" in etymologising the names of *his Sumerian gods.* Nevertheless, his translations are remarkably subtle.

Tragedy continued to follow him, as his second wife, Joanne, died *after they had* moved to Cambridge, Mass. Fortunately, Jacobsen found both contentment and family when he married Katryna Hadley, becoming — for the first time at the age of 62 — a *father (of four young* stepdaughters).

Most of all, Thorkild Jacobsen was humane and inspiring, and a brilliant teacher. When he read his translations of Sumerian poetry aloud, his voice conjured up images of the Sumerian ruler, Gudea himself, reading from his own prisms.



KINKAZU SAIONJI

*KINKAZU Saionji, a Japa*nese statesman and "private ambassador" to China, died in Tokyo on April 22, aged 86. A grandson of Prince Kimmochi *Saionji, one of the most vener*ated figures of the Meiji period, Saionji settled in Peking with his family in 1958.

For the next 12 years he acted as an unofficial ambassador, trying to promote friendly bilateral exchanges between Japan and China in the absence of formal diplomatic relations. He also joined the Japanese Communist party in 1958 but was expelled from it when there were *ideological disputes between it* and the Chinese party.

Oxford educated, he met both Hitler and Stalin during the second world war and later became a fervent admirer of Mao Tse-tung.

THE French artist Edouard Pignon is survived by his third wife, Hélène Parmelin. She *did not, as our obituary yester*day wrongly stated, predecease him. We very much regret the error.

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MRS. EDITH WHARTON

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Mrs. Wharton looks back tranquilly over an unsensational but a rich and ample life, in which she has had success, love, friendship and communion of spirit with people who were great in mind as well as famous. She has written one of her most delightful books in this volume of memoirs, evoking a vanished world and investing it with body and warmth and a peculiar leisured and gracious charm. She reviews her early life in New York, with a note or two on her ancestry of considerable interest, and shows us the future novelist being taken to Italy at four years old and trained to become a true traveller and cosmopolitan.

She married, young, a man who shared her delight in exploring the world and who had the means to gratify this passion. Then the need for literary expression — always an acknowledged inner force — drove her into short-story writing, after an amusingly unexpected success with a book on the then little studied subject of house decoration — a work that still sells after 40 years.

Naturally Mrs Wharton is exceedingly interesting when she discloses the history of her apprenticeship to letters, of those advisers who helped her, of her progress and celebrity, and seldom has a story been related with less vanity or more generous appreciation of counsel *and criticism, mostly private. But she* declines to be solemn about her work and delights rather in telling of her good friends all over the world, of social adventures, happy discussion of her craft with other notable craftsmen, of her journeys, her gardens, her War work, her odd encounters in life. She reveals herself as a happy and unspoilt person with a real genius for friendship; and the late Victorian and pre-War world, elegant and eloquent, lacking motors and wireless, is shown to us once more — London and Paris in their brilliance and seeming leisure.

Mrs Wharton has the novelist's gift for making names become living persons but her whole book is a work of art as well as the sincere record of a singularly fortunate and rich experience *in living. The book breathes serenity* and is one of the pleasantest volumes of reminiscences that have appeared for a very long time.

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These reminiscences of social and literary life in New York and Europe have the interest of a period piece. This was the US edition; not until 1972 were the reminiscences published in Britain.

NEWS

QC heads baby murders enquiry

■ Virginia Bottomley last night ordered an urgent enquiry into the case of Beverly Allitt, the nurse who was convicted yesterday of a fourth child murder in a Lincolnshire hospital ward.

As Allitt faced the prospect of a lifetime behind bars, the health secretary said that the enquiry under Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, a former health service commissioner, would examine key issues raised by the case 1, 2, 3

Danes go to court to delay Maastricht

■ As Danes prepare to vote in their referendum today, campaigners sued their government yesterday for breaching the constitution, in a last-ditch attempt to delay ratification of the Maastricht treaty. The group said that the action could take up to 18 months ..... Pages 1, 9, 17

US boycott threat

The United States said yesterday it would boycott a special summit of foreign ministers from Security Council nations called by Russia for Friday, apparently trying to avoid being forced into sending US troops to police "safe areas" in Bosnia..... Pages 1, 10

Olivetti bribe cash

Carlo De Benedetti was placed formally under investigation in the Milan corruption scandal yesterday after admitting that his Olivetti computer giant had paid millions of pounds worth of bribes to political parties, justice officials said..... Page 11

Top of the world

Rebecca Stephens yesterday defied mountaineering experts to become the first British woman to reach the summit of Everest. Last night she was recovering from her climb at the 26,000ft camp ..... Page 1

Neo-Nazis on trial

Two young German neo-fascists went on trial accused of setting fire to a foreigners' hostel which led to the deaths of three Turkish women. The trial will be seen as a test of how hard the authorities will go to expose right-wing extremists..... Page 11

Smokers defy ban

More than 30 smokers hijacked the rear carriage of a commuter train to defy the introduction of a smoking ban, introduced by Network SouthEast after they said it was backed by most passengers ..... Page 6

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China is threatening to wreck its largest deal with the US if human rights and other conditions are attached to imports. The deal with AT&T is reported to be worth billions of dollars and would have modernised Chinese communications ..... Page 13

Union compromise

Leaders of six of the largest unions are to meet in London tomorrow to consider a compromise proposal aimed at averting a head-on clash with John Smith, the Labour leader, over party-union links ..... Page 8

Kashmir protests

The Indian army is reported to have taken charge of security in the Kashmir valley, prompting accusations from local Muslim leaders that the area is now under de facto martial law and raising concerns about human rights abuses ..... Page 13

Nissan fears

Sunderland Football Club's plans to build a huge stadium as part of a £120 million development have alarmed Nissan executives. The company said traffic would slow down delivery lorries keeping assembly lines running at its plant..... Page 7

Clinton on the road

President Clinton visited New Mexico yesterday as part of his strategy to get out into the country and rally support for his economic policy..... Page 13

Keeping the Rhondda name alive

■ The Rhondda stirs deep passions among the Welsh and evokes a powerful image of the black heart in the empire of King Coal. It is the most famous industrial valley in the world, according to Carys Pugh, one of the people whose pride has been dented by the Welsh secretary's proposal to delete the name from the administrative map of Britain .....Page 5



Accentuate the negative: a "No" vote campaigner seeks support in Copenhagen on the eve of the Danish referendum. Pages 1, 9

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Rate fear: America's Federal Reserve Board will today consider raising short-term interest rates at a time when the US economy displays signs of sluggish growth and rising inflation ..... Page 21

City probe: The Stock Exchange is believed to be investigating share dealings in British Airways and Allied-Lyons ..... Page 21

Markets: Sterling held firm in an uncertain currency market ahead of today's Danish referendum. The pound closed almost unchanged at $1.5362, against $1.5367, and rose 0.58 pfennigs to DM2.4748. Shares edged higher, with the FT-SE 100 index closing up 11.1 at 2,858.1 ..... Page 24

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Equestrianism: Virginia Leng, winner of Badminton, is set to return to the British three-day event team after a three-year absence. She heads the longlist for the European three-day event championships in Germany in September ..... Page 40

Football: The power struggle at Tottenham Hotspur took a new twist when Eddie Ashby, Terry Venables' associate, was dismissed from his consultant post with the club ..... Page 40

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Doing the Mushy Pea routine

■ What are 65 children and teenagers in scruffy trainers doing knocking hell out of a hot dance routine in a church hall in North Oxford? Libby Purves samples the Mushy Pea children's theatre

Face to face with Demi

■ Sweeping into London for the opening of Planet Hollywood, Demi Moore offers a spirited defence of her much-criticised new film *Indecent Proposal*

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■ Is ITV winning the battle for peak-time ratings with the BBC? Alexandra Frean reports

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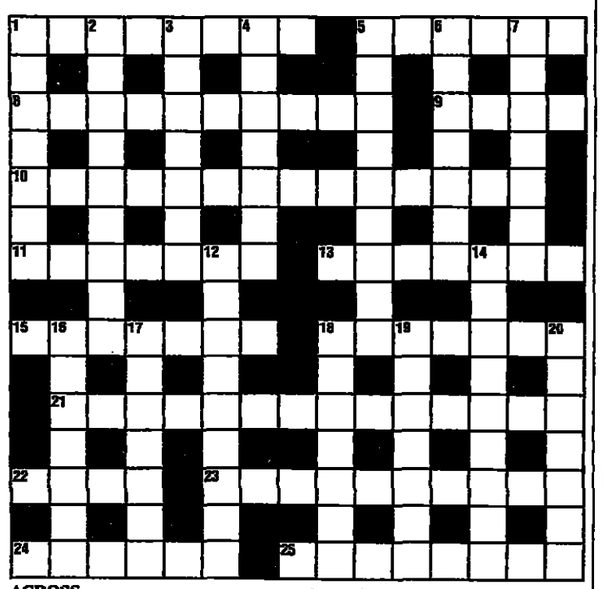
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In a less violent world, women could get abortions and objectors could protest without injury to either party. That's no longer the world we live in, which is why the time has come for a federal law to guarantee women access to abortion clinics. In recent months, militant abortion foes have escalated clinic violence, threatening rights - and sometimes lives - of patients and clinic workers

— USA Today

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,233



ACROSS

1 Be quiet — there's lots of wine to drink (4,4).
5 The way to travel at a regular pace (6).
8 Very old-fashioned French king has no right to be here (10).
9 Repair siren (4).
10 Family quarrel started by Dickens (9,5).
11 Songbird died out; introduce it again? (7).
13 Gang leaders pitch right into the enemy (7).
15 Bodice appeared to droop in the middle (7).
18 The crown for the king, perhaps, in a manner of speaking (7).
21 Normal after a stiff drink? Such hypocrisy! (6,8).
22 Virtuous maiden is a drop-out, it's said (4).
23 Wait to become a priest (4,6).
24 Poor Percy swallowed hard, being of no importance (6).
25 Let's pray, suffering torture instrument (8).

DOWN

1 American sportsman in jug (7).
2 Herald put together introductions of pretty curious sort (9).
3 Flies in trap die horribly (7).
4 Disaster — wife has a cry (4-3).
5 Wrote vast, rambling letters as test of support (5,4).
6 Turn back from corps' lines (7).
7 An estate that's humble, would you say? (7).
12 Soldier about to become Governor (9).
14 Manages somehow to grasp most of new element (9).
16 Give instruction to extremely lazy servant (7).
17 Pour cold water on, and have a go through mud (7).
18 Business is important (7).
19 Half score on unfinished practice shoot (7).
20 Rage over untidy place — shame! (7).

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C	H	E	S	S		P	A	S	S	E	N	G	E	R
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WEATHER

Rain over western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be replaced by brighter spells and blustery showers. The rest of the country will have sunny periods and showers. The showers, mostly in the West, will spread to other parts later. The extreme South East will be more cloudy, while the North East will be mostly dry and bright. It will be windy in the North, with gales in the North West. Outlook: unsettled, with showers in most areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; l=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Madrid	33	73	s
Alicotri	21	70	f	Majorca	26	77	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Algiers	27	61	s	Malta	23	73	s
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Miami*	29	84	f
Athens	19	66	c	Milan	24	75	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Montreal*	14	57	f
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	24	75	f
Barcelna	19	66	s	Munich	22	72	s
Belgrade	21	70	c	Nairobi	23	73	r
Berlin	20	68	s	Naples	23	73	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N Delhi	33	91	c
Biarritz	24	75	s	N York*	23	73	c
Border'x	24	75	f	Nice	23	68	s
Brussels	23	73	s	Oslo	15	59	f
Budapst	23	73	t	Paris	23	73	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Peking	29	84	s
Chicago*	16	61	f	Perth	26	79	c
Cologne	22	72	s	Prague	19	66	s
C'phagn	17	63	s	Reykjavik	6	43	t
Corfu	22	72	s	Rhodes	21	70	s
Dublin	23	73	r	Rio de J	22	72	f
Dubrovnik	22	72	s	Riyadh	38	100	s
Faro	19	66	f	Rome	23	73	c
Florence	25	77	s	Salzburg	23	73	c
Frankfurt	22	72	s	S F'risco*	19	66	c
Funchal	20	68	f	Santiago*	20	68	s
Geneva	21	70	s	Seoul	15	59	c
Gibraltar	21	70	s	St'kholm	16	64	s
Helsinki	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	23	73	s
Hong K	29	84	c	Sydney	18	64	s
Innsbrck	25	77	s	Tangier	24	75	s
Istanbul	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	c
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tenerife	23	73	f
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Tokyo	20	68	f
Karachi	34	93	c	Toronto*	14	57	s
L Palmas	23	73	s	Tunis	24	75	s
Le Touet	22	72	f	Valencia	23	73	f
Lisbon	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	19	66	s
Locarno	19	66	c	Venice	24	75	s
London	20	68	f	Vienna	21	70	c
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	18	64	f
Luxembg	21	70	s	Wash'ton*	28	82	s
Luxor	34	93	c	Wellnton	14	57	s
				Zurich	22	72	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 22C (72F): min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6pm, 45 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 999.9 millibars, falling 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp Guernsey, 17C (63F); lowest day max Lerwick, Shetland, and Stornoway, Western Isles, 9C (48F). highest rainfall: Milford Haven, Dyfed, 0.67in, highest sunshine Margate, Kent, 11.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F): min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.11in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.6hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 18C (61F). min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 1.36in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.6	0.08	11	52	shower
Anglesey	1.3	0.41	12	54	rain
Aviemore	7.4	0.02	11	52	shower
Belfast	4.1	0.18	13	55	shower
Birmingham	4.8	0.08	13	55	shower
Bognor Regis	4.5	0.01	14	57	shower
Bournemouth	1.6	0.05	14	57	rain
Bristol	2.4	0.07	14	57	rain
Buxton	4.3	0.11	10	50	shower
Cardiff	1.4	0.02	13	55	rain
Clacton	5.8	-	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.6	0.52	13	55	rain
Cromer	10.2	-	17	63	sunny
Edinburgh	7.0	0.05	14	57	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.5	0.44	10	50	shower
Exmouth	1.8	0.24	13	55	rain
Falmouth	1.1	0.22	13	55	shower
Folkestone	9.6	-	14	57	sunny
Glasgow	8.1	0.05	14	57	shower
Guernsey	3.0	0.05	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	5.8	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	9.2	-	15	59	bright
Isle of Man	5.0	0.04	13	55	rain
Jersey	4.6	0.05	17	63	cloudy
Kinloss	7.3	-	14	57	bright
Leeds	5.4	0.05	13	55	rain
Lerwick	7.4	0.02	9	48	bright
Littlehampton	5.0	0.01	14	57	shower
Liverpool	2.8	0.20	12	54	rain
London	6.1	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	8.1	0.01	14	57	bright
Manchester	2.4	0.14	13	55	rain
Margate	11.6	-	17	63	bright
Minehead	3.3	0.14	15	59	rain
Morecambe	1.3	0.42	12	54	rain
Newcastle	6.4	0.04	13	55	rain
Penzance	2.0	0.24	14	57	rain
Plymouth	1.0	0.17	13	55	rain
Salcombe	2.0	0.17	14	57	rain
Sandown	3.9	0.02	14	57	cloudy
Saunton Snd	0.9	0.04	15	59	cloudy
Scarborough	8.2	-	13	55	bright
Scilly Isles	1.7	0.17	13	55	rain
Shanklin	3.9	0.03	14	57	cloudy
Southend	4.1	-	15	59	cloudy
Stornoway	4.1	0.43	9	48	shower
Swanage	2.9	0.06	14	57	shower
Teignmouth	1.2	0.31	13	55	rain
Tenby	0.6	0.48	13	55	rain
Tiree	10.0	0.02	11	52	shower
Torquay	1.2	0.30	13	55	rain
Weymouth	1.8	0.01	13	55	rain
Worthing	4.9	-	14	57	cloudy

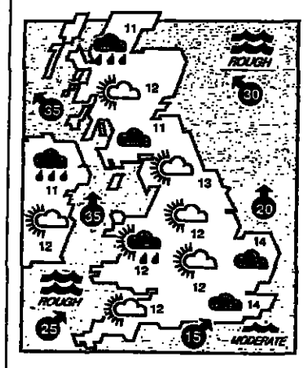
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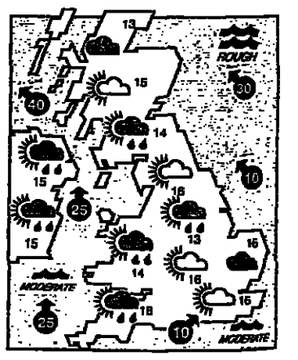
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Australia $	2.29	2.09
Austria Sch	18.45	16.95
Belgium Fr	54.05	49.65
Canada $	2.087	1.927
Denmark Kr	10.12	9.32
Finland Mkk	10.22	9.42
France Fr	8.84	8.14
Germany Dm	2.615	2.415
Greece Dr	350.00	325.00
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.065	0.985
Italy Lira	2355.00	2210.00
Japan Yen	188.25	169.25
Netherlands Gld	2.94	2.71
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.50
South Africa Rd	6.16	5.66
Spain Pta	194.50	181.50
Sweden Kr	11.89	11.09
Switzerland Fr	2.365	2.185
Turkey Lira	15700.0	14700.0
USA $	1.54	1.51

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.20 pm to 4.35 am
Bristol 9.30 pm to 4.45 am
Edinburgh 9.55 pm to 4.25 am
Manchester 9.36 pm to 4.34 am
Penzance 9.38 pm to 5.02 am

Sun rises: 5.05 am
Sun sets: 8.50 pm
Moon rises 3.20 am
Moon sets 5.48 pm

New moon May 21

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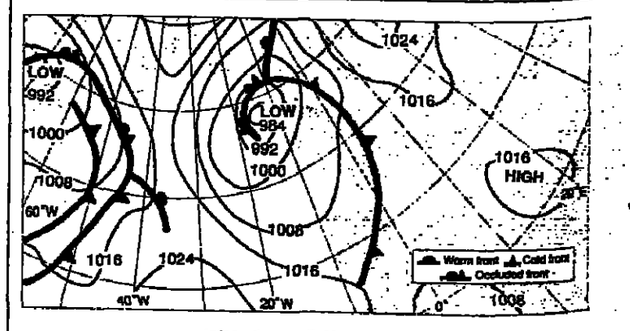
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	r	Guernsey	16	61	f
B'rmgham	17	63	c	Inverness	9	48	r
Blackpool	18	64	f	Jersey	19	66	s
Bristol	17	63	f	London	20	68	s
Cardiff	15	59	r	M'nchester	18	64	c
Edinburgh	16	61	r	Newcastle	18	64	f
Glasgow	15	59	r	R'nldsway	11	52	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.16	6.1	12.50	6.4	Liverpool	9.58	8.2	10.25	8.3
Aberdeen	12.08	3.5	12.12	3.5	Lowestoft	8.45	2.2	8.22	2.1
Avonmouth	5.45	11.2	6.08	11.3	Margate	11.02	4.2	11.02	4.2
Belfast	9.46	3.0	10.14	3.0	Milford Haven	4.55	5.8	5.17	5.9
Cardiff	5.30	10.4	5.53	10.5	Newquay	3.50	5.9	4.11	6.0
Devonport	4.10	4.7	4.40	4.8	Oban	4.34	3.3	4.50	3.3
Dover	9.56	5.7	10.08	5.9	Penzance	3.16	4.7	3.44	4.5
Falmouth	3.40	4.5	4.10	4.6	Portland	5.01	1.5	5.39	1.7
Glasgow	11.55	4.1			Portsmouth	10.01	3.9	10.22	4.3
Harwich	10.42	3.6	10.56	3.5	Shoreham	10.05	5.2	10.23	5.5
Holyhead	9.09	4.8	9.37	4.8	Southampton	9.47	3.9	10.09	4.1
Hull	5.14	6.2	5.17	6.5	Swansea	4.56	8.1	5.21	8.3
Ilfracombe	4.38	7.7	5.00	7.8	Tees	2.16	4.6	2.26	4.7
King's Lynn	5.18	5.3	5.23	5.5	Wilton-on-Nze	10.39	3.7	10.50	3.7
Leith	1.10	4.7	1.17	4.7					

NOON TODAY



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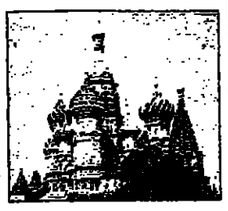
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BUSINESS TODAY

MORE CHANCES



Free market reforms are bringing food to Russia's citizens and creating opportunities for British companies as Russian factories struggle to adjust
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MORE SHARES

Private investors will get more shares in BT3 if they buy through a personal equity plan with a minimum £1,500 investment, the government said
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MORE PROFITS



Sliding property values have knocked the value of Whitbread's pubs down by £595 million in the year just ended, but profits rose by 13 per cent
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MORE HOPE

High street sales rose in April for the fourth month in succession, according to the CBI, firing hopes that the retail recovery is firmly under way
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THE POUND

US $	1.5362 (-0.0005)
German mark	2.4748 (+0.0058)
Exchange index	80.0 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2858.1 (+11.1)
Dow Jones	3438.30 (-4.71)*
Nikkei Avge	20565.51 (+91.36)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	6⅛-6%
US Federal Funds	3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.98-2.96%*
Long Bond	6.95%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5330*	£:$	1.5335
$:DM	1.6160*	£:DM	2.4774
$:SWfr	1.4700*	£:SWfr	2.2538
$:Ffr	5.4445*	£:Ffr	8.3690
$:Yen	113.35*	£:Yen	170.60
£:SDR	1.0857	£:ECU	1.2630

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):	
AM 367.85	PM 369.25
Close	368.30-368.80
New York:	
Comex	367.85-368.35*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 139.3 March (1.9%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Fed may lift rates to stem US inflation

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ The Clinton administration is nervous that the Federal Reserve Board could decide today to raise short-term interest rates in an attempt to keep long-term rates low

THE US Federal Reserve will today consider raising short-term interest rates because fears of rising inflation are now vying for priority with signs that economic recovery has slowed to a state of torpor.

There is growing concern in financial markets about how the Fed will interpret a series of recent economic statistics, which gave out a twilight picture of a "stagflationary" economy. Short-term interest rates are now lower than the annualised rate of inflation so far this year, giving rise to expectations of higher interest rates soon.

Wall Street does not expect the Fed's policymaking open market committee to force an immediate rise in rates today. Even if the Fed does not make an aggressive response to recent signs of rising inflation, the upturn has put an end to long-running speculation about a further attempt to stimulate the recovery with a cut in short-term rates, currently at around 3 per cent.

Bond markets reacted nervously to last week's 0.4 per cent rise in the consumer price index for April, which translates into an annualised rise of 4.3 per cent for the year so far, compared with the Fed's own inflation forecast of between 2.5 per cent and 2.75 per cent this year. Producer prices in April also edged up considerably, by 0.6 per cent.

The combined effect of these increases was a sharp rise in the long Treasury bond yield to 6.93 per cent at the end of last week, up from 6.7 per cent last month. Bond prices fell further yesterday.

Bond markets and the Fed do not yet know if the rise in inflation is a statistical blip or a signal that producers now feel more confident about raising prices, as some anecdotal evidence suggests.

The Clinton administration is nervous about today's open market committee meeting. Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury secretary, stressed over the weekend the importance of "stable interest rates", while President Clinton was even more outspoken when he publicly urged the Fed to hold back. Mr Clinton said: "We ought to wait till we have some more evidence before we raise interest rates in an economy where industrial capacity is only at 80 per cent."

The Fed may decide that a rise in short-term interest rates might prove the best way of keeping long-term interest rates low.

The open market committee uses short-term interest rates as a policy instrument, although the most important interest rates are the long-term rates, which are market-driven and indirectly determine the level of mortgage rates. The Fed is thus in a position to raise rates without having to fear a backlash of the kind such action would cause in Britain.

Anti-inflation hawks say a rise in short-term rates by the Fed could even be interpreted in financial markets as a signal of a credible counter-inflationary policy, and thus lead to a fall in long-term rates as well as steadying the dollar.

□ The dollar rallied yesterday on hopes of a "yes" vote from the Danes and patchy speculation on US interest rates, trading at DM1.6130 in late London dealings from DM1.6045 late on Friday. The Danish krone also gained on rising expectations that the Danes would ratify Maastricht, ending at 3.8407 to the mark from Friday's late level of 3.8520. Sterling was unmoved ahead of a clutch of economic data this week, closing unchanged on its trade-weighted index at 80.

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Happy to take a hard line: Eddie George has elected not to receive a pay rise during his five years as Governor

Governor gives himself a pay freeze

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

EDDIE George, who will become Governor of the Bank of England and one of the highest-paid public servants from July 1, will take the same salary as his predecessor and has declared a pay freeze for his five-year term of office as a "personal statement" of his commitment to controlling inflation.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the retiring Governor, is thought to be entitled to well over £200,000 a year. Mr George's anti-inflationary stance in the past has earned him the nickname "Hard Eddie" but he is still likely to enjoy an increase from the £164,910 he earned in the year to end-February 1992 as deputy governor of the Bank. In that year, he earned slightly more than Mr Leigh-Pemberton, who drew £164,311 after waiving £34,135 on criticism of a rise in the face of calls for pay restraint.

During the late eighties, the Bank lost several key executives to the private sector, including Sir Kit McMahon to Midland Bank. A policy of three catch-up pay rises was instituted by the Bank's remuneration committee, the last of which would have been set in January 1992 for the year to end-February 1993. These figures will appear in the Bank's annual report due on May 26.

The salary shown for Mr Leigh-Pemberton will become Mr George's salary. The Bank said the figure would not be as high as the £230,000 suggested in a report yesterday morning. It is likely that the full entitlement of Mr Leigh-Pemberton will have increased by more than the 1.5 per cent limit on public sector pay, leaving the new Governor's pay in excess of £200,000. The Bank says this salary was set in January 1992 and the 1.5 per cent limit last November.

The main banking union said later that a pay freeze was easier to bear on a salary of more than £200,000. "Bank of England staff have not enjoyed the scale of increases the Governor has had in recent years," said Jim Rowe, assistant secretary of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu).

The union's annual conference in Llandudno yesterday overwhelmingly rejected the government's 1.5 per cent public sector pay ceiling, which the Bank is seeking to impose. Pay talks between the bank and the union are due to open next month.

SE looks at Spurs profit disclosure

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN AND GEORGE SIVELL

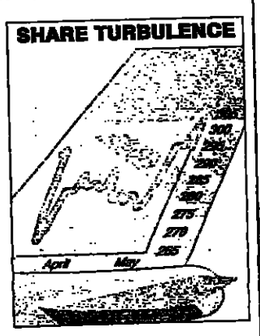
THE Stock Exchange confirmed yesterday it is to investigate the unofficial disclosure by Terry Venables, Spurs chief executive, that the holding company is currently £5 million ahead this year. The revelation on television, ahead of Saturday's Wembley FA Cup final, was not accompanied by any official announcement to the exchange.

Stock Exchange investigators are also understood to be examining dealings in shares of Allied-Lyons and British Airways after stories in the weekend press suggesting rights issues were to be announced by both companies along with results due today.

Mr Venables' comments helped push Spurs shares up 14p to 103p. A spokeswoman for the Stock Exchange said it was accepted there were "peculiar circumstances" at Tottenham Hotspur at present, but said: "I'm positive we would want to make enquiries as to how that kind of information was on television when no proper announcement had been made to see if action would be appropriate."

Tottenham's financial year ends on May 31. The company reported a profit of £2.65 million pre-tax for the previous year. Alan Sugar, chairman, is understood to be angry at the Mr Venables' remarks on group profitability through unusual channels. Late yesterday, the company issued a statement through the Stock Exchange saying the chief executive's comments on the company's profits were "made without the board's approval". It said the board had not formally considered any profits forecast for the year to end-May, but had changed its mind in the circumstances. Tottenham say that on the basis of unaudited management accounts the company made about £4 million in pre-tax profits for the 10 months to end-March 1993.

SHARE TURBULENCE



The exchange monitoring department is looking for any signs that information about Allied-Lyons or BA may have flowed from the companies as well as conducting routine enquiries into dealings.

British Airways said last night: "We are not aware of any such approaches from the Stock Exchange. Allied Lyons said: "We never comment on market speculation."

It has been understood for some time that British Airways was considering a rights issue.

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Privatisation goes off the rails



ANTHONY HARRIS

They simply cannot get it right. No sooner have John Major foreswom treading on banana skins and recommended trimming than the government is in trouble again: with the City, over the CrossRail pig-in-a-poke; and with its own backbenchers, not to mention the House of Lords, over rail privatisation and rural post offices. This suggests something more than bad thinking — bad doctrine.

You do not have to dig very deep to find it, for it is hardly below the surface. John MacGregor, like any obliging accused, shows us where the body is buried. The transport secretary insists that the proposal to allow British Rail to bid for rail services, although it was godfathered by the late and respected Robert Adley, is totally unacceptable. Mr MacGregor says it attacks the central purpose of the legislation.

What can this purpose be? Simply to attack British Rail, which has not been co-operating in plans for its own funeral? Hardly. To rule out any bids from people with relevant knowledge as a kind of extension of the absurd insider trading rules? That is still less likely. The principle involved, if it is worthy of the name, must be a matter of finance, not management.

The difficulty is simple enough: British Rail itself, under its new name, will remain publicly owned: and a public body will need capital to provide a new service — public capital. So the central purpose turns out to be to reduce the role of public finance. This has been one purpose of every act of privatisation, but the principle involved is a bad one. It is a left-over from the worst phase of British monetarism: broad money was the target: and the growth of broad money in the official table was the sum of government borrowing, less long-term financing, plus private sector bank lending.

This boring accounting identity led to the elevation of the public sector borrowing requirement to a new status: the central measure of the government's anti-inflationary virtue. In fact, it was never any such thing. It is not the PSBR but the PSFD, the government's financial deficit (corrected for the business cycle) that measures official improvidence. The difference between the two used to be a matter of accruals of revenue and a little minor asset shuffling: the PSBR was of interest only to the officials and brokers who run the gilts market. It was Mrs Thatcher who first opened a gulf between the two, by asset shuffling on an heroic scale. Privatisation, or selling the family silver as an earlier Conservative prime minister called it, was a form of fiscal alchemy: it could turn deficit into surplus. This was not the real purpose of the exercise, which was to abolish subsidy lobbies, to introduce commercial disciplines, to broaden shareholding, and incidentally to make consumers finance capital investment directly through higher prices. But the financing side-effect looked good, so good that the figure for the PSFD, the true measure, is no longer published.

John Major, whose financial grasp was never strong and who should surely figure in the lists of worst-ever Chancellors that are so fashionable at the moment, has been left to elevate this cheerful side-effect into a central principle. The result is that although BR works under fierce competitive discipline (which explains why it is so hard to privatise) and knows the business, it is ruled out.

In the same cause, Stephen Norris, the unfortunate junior transport minister, has to try to persuade the City to promise finance for CrossRail before any of the details that would appear in a prospectus have been decided. It appears that Mr Major is in such terror of the gilt-edged market that he dare not even think aloud about a badly needed transport improvement without a binding promise of equity finance. But Mr Norris, as a successful entrepreneur, must know that this is a non-starter. Investors have already bought one hole in the ground, and many doubt if they will ever see a return.

In short, this is desperation time. The government has run out of potentially profitable monopolies to sell, exhausting a fiscal dodge it borrowed from impoverished monarchs centuries ago. It must now actually try to bring spending and revenue into line after a decade of self-deception. The only principle involved is the attempt to ward off this dreadful reckoning.

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Fund growth puts a sparkle in half-time results from M&G

By Sarah Bagnall

A STRONG growth in funds helped M&G to report a healthy rise in interim profits. The advance was fuelled by the strong growth in the stock market, although much of the gain was due to the fund-management group outperforming the market.

The 14 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £22.8 million was primarily the result of "the sparkling performance of the funds under management", said Paddy Linaker, group managing director. These funds rose by £2.4 billion to £11 billion, with those specialising in income and recovery doing particularly well.

A £100 investment in M&G's two leading unit trusts, the Recovery and Dividend funds, would have risen to £134 and £130 respectively in the six months to end-March.

The shares gained 3p to 790p on the news that the interim dividend had been lifted 1p to 10p. Mr Linaker said the final dividend would not be less than last year's 11p. "In fact, we hope we'll be able to increase the final dividend a bit," he said.

Looking forward, Mr Linaker said he was "quite optimistic", despite the various problems prompted by a forever changing regulatory system and difficult economies in Europe. He voiced disquiet over the Office of Fair Trading's recent recommendation that independent financial advisers disclose commissions payable at the point of sale. "We don't want to see the going get any tougher for the IFA [independent financial advisers] market without similar moves being made in the direct sales-force market. I think the IFA market needs to be preserved," he said.



Optimistic despite regulatory changes: Paddy Linaker hopes to be able to increase M&G's final dividend

M&G was also helped by Britain's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), which prompted a shift in investor confidence. Sales of unit trusts totalled £232 million in the six months to March 31, compared with £137 million last time. And while redemptions were up at £228 million, the overall result was a return to a net sales position. In the last six months, the group recorded net sales of £4 million, compared with net redemptions of £64 million in the six months to end-September, and net redemptions of £45 million in the preceding six months. However, redemptions tend to rise near the end of the financial year as people sell their unit-trust holdings to fulfil their tax-free capital gains.

The group announced that David Morgan, managing director of M&G Investment Management, will take over from Mr Linaker as group managing director next summer. Mr Morgan was yesterday appointed deputy group managing director.

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EGIT firms unaffected by strikes in Germany

By Colin Narbrough

THE bulk of companies in which the London-listed East German Investment Trust (EGIT) has invested are unaffected by the pay dispute that has prompted strikes in eastern Germany, says Olav zu Ermgassen, a trust director.

Replying to shareholder questions at EGIT's brief annual meeting, held at its Lombard Street offices, Herr zu Ermgassen, who heads the small merchant bank that manages the DM160 million trust, said pay settlements in the vast majority of EGIT's investee companies were between 5 and 9 per cent.

He said most of the EGIT companies were outside the metal and engineering sectors, which have been hit by strike action in support of demands for huge pay rises to bring east German wage levels up to those in west Germany by next April. Hopes of an early end to strikes in the engineering and steel sectors appeared yesterday to have faded.

EGIT, the biggest international investor in east Germany, has been the subject of highly critical attacks in the German press over its relationship with Treuhand, the privatisation agency. But institutional shareholders, who dominate the share register, said they were wholly confident in the management of the trust.

While contented with the trust's progress, Rudolf Escherich, the EGIT chairman, said the economy of east Germany was not as good as the board had expected three years ago.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Pilkington wins $100m deal with Chrysler

PILKINGTON, the glass manufacturer, has secured a five-year supply deal with Chrysler, the American carmaker, with an estimated value of $100 million. Libbey-Owens-Ford, Pilkington's US subsidiary, developed Galaxsee solar privacy glass in 90 days to meet specific demands for so-called "behind the driver" windows in pick-up trucks and also for sun roofs.

Galaxsee blocks out 90 per cent of the sun's infrared and ultra violet rays, keeping vehicles cooler and preventing discolouration of a car's interior. Pilkington said that it is expecting demand from European motor manufacturers as well. Galaxsee is produced at its plant at Rossford, near Toledo in Ohio.

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ADT financing move

ADT, the car auctions and security systems company, expects to outline refinancing proposals to shareholders in the second quarter of this financial year. ADT said it was at an advanced stage of discussions over refinancing and its 6 per cent convertible redeemable preference shares are expected to be presented for redemption in the second half of 1994. First-quarter operating income rose 11 per cent to $45.9 million on net sales of $330.4 million ($318.9 million). But net income fell to $26.2 million from $42.4 million.

Berry Birch surges

BERRY Birch & Noble, the financial adviser and insurance broker, has shrugged off the recession to boost full-year pre-tax profits to £1.06 million from £815.624 last time. In the year to end-January, earnings per share rose to 12.8p from 10.1p, and the company said it was "maintaining that growth" in this financial year. The total dividend rises 66 per cent to 5.3p via a 3.3p final. Berry said it still wanted to expand nationwide, and the recent acquisition of a financial services company in Bristol was a small step towards that.

Acquisitions boost SEP

SEP Industrial Holdings, the USM-quoted engineering products maker, has reported a 133 per cent rise in half time pre-tax profits to £883,000 (£378,000). Acquisitions contributed £397,000 at the operating level in the six months to end-March. The manufacturing division boosted profits from £87,000 to £234,000. Earnings per share were 1.2p (0.7p) and the interim dividend is 0.35p (0.3p). The directors intend to recommend an increased final dividend of at least 0.4p, making a total of 0.75p (0.65p).

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International	87.52	93.10	-0.17	.97
Dividend Gth	56.94	60.57	+0.07	4.64
Global Gth Sec	61.49	65.41	-0.04	2.64
Ethical Growth	64.99	69.13	-0.10	2.53
High Inc Equity	149.00	158.50	+0.10	5.02
Worldwide Bond	260.90	276.60	-1.00	4.38
Gilts Fixed Int	128.30	136.10	-0.30	6.05
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	41.92	44.25	-0.34	0.70
European	78.75	83.47	-0.50	...
European Inc	75.76	80.46	-0.17	1.87
Exempt	888.60	917.30	+3.90	3.35
Extra Inc	42.47	46.19	+0.16	5.45
F East Emerg Ec	82.81	89.23	-0.09	0.73
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	376.30	402.20	+0.70	4.09
Equity Inc	211.80	226.40	+0.10	4.02
High Yield	230.60	246.50	+0.30	4.15
Balanced	639.20	683.30	+1.90	2.59
American Inc	45.79	48.94	-0.26	3.47
Wld Asset Val	39.08	41.77	-0.09	1.96
Japan	196.60	209.40	-0.30	0.01
Secs of Am	386.40	411.40	-2.20	0.44
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QN 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	310.30	330.20	-1.30	2.71
-do- Inc	219.80	233.90	+1.00	2.71
Higher Inc Acc	565.00	601.10	+1.50	3.71
-do- Inc	343.00	364.90	+0.90	3.71
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.10	182.80	-0.40	6.22
-do- Inc	90.70	95.79	-0.25	6.22
Nth America	243.80	259.40	-1.80	...
Far East	290.60	309.20	+0.60	0.19
Europe	216.80	230.70	-1.80	1.04
General Inc	420.70	447.60	+1.60	2.36
-do- Acc	461.40	490.90	+1.60	2.36
Brit Excell	62.91	66.93	+0.25	2.69
Brit Fndmnls Inc	67.09	71.38	+0.16	4.87
Brit Fndmnls Acc	86.49	92.00	+0.22	4.87
Global Opps	71.06	75.60	-0.15	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.70	111.90	-0.20	2.79
Euro Gth Inc	112.00	118.90	-1.30	1.05
Extra Inc	103.50	110.70	-0.10	4.91
General	226.90	241.40	...	3.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.47	58.29	-1.11	8.64
Income	479.60	512.90	-0.30	4.53
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	87.22	92.63	-0.76	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	115.60	124.00	-1.10	...
Convertibles	53.16	56.85	+0.12	6.90
Eastern	192.70	206.70	+2.90	1.60
Equity Income	60.97	66.13	-0.11	4.51
European Gth	220.20	234.60	-2.30	1.51
Euro Smllr Cos	149.00	159.20	-1.70	1.90
Exempt	81.96	94.13	...	3.60
German Growth	55.16	58.71	-0.64	0.70
Global Growth	105.80	112.60	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	195.90	203.80	-0.60	...
Japan Sunrise	170.10	181.70	+0.60	...
Portfolio	117.00	125.30	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	205.60	223.50	+0.10	3.20
UK Growth	78.59	83.60	-0.22	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	82.29	88.11	+0.13	1.93
Select Managers	62.21	66.90	-0.29	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	103.31	110.49	...	1.57
-do- Inc	93.92	100.45	...	1.57
Global Bond	28.40	30.13	...	4.90
High Yield Acc	52.52	56.35	...	4.06
-do- Inc	38.27	40.97	...	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	59.97	66.23	...	1.35
-do- Inc	82.70	88.49	...	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.17	61.15	...	...
-do- Inc	56.11	59.01	...	...
Euro Gth Acc	99.58	106.50	...	1.07
-do- Inc	98.21	105.04	...	1.07
Mngd P'folio	34.42	36.82	...	1.31
Pacific Growth	99.56	106.50	...	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	56.42	60.43	...	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	121.50	129.50	-0.30	3.23
Smaller Cos Acc	286.20	309.60	-2.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	167.00	179.30	-1.30	1.21
High Inc	70.05	75.30	-0.17	6.96
Income	126.70	135.50	-0.10	4.06
Mngd P'folio Inc	91.13	97.05	-0.29	2.05
-do- Acc	172.20	183.40	-0.60	...
North American	100.50	107.40	-1.30	0.20
Orient	122.50	132.00	-0.40	...
Recovery	40.58	43.62	-0.16	2.56
German	40.27	43.21	-0.34	0.09
Intl Growth	32.69	34.80	-0.21	0.23
European Inc	21.91	23.56	-0.15	0.45
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.72	64.60	-0.40	1.36
-do- Acc	68.45	72.83	-0.55	1.16
Income Fund's	209.40	222.40	+0.60	4.13
-do- Acc	482.20	519.30	+1.30	4.13
Inv Portfolio	66.12	69.52	+0.10	2.09
-do- Acc	74.66	79.37	+0.11	2.08
Smaller Cos	126.60	134.70	+0.10	1.51
-do- Acc	151.90	161.70	...	...
High Inc P'folio	59.59	61.76	+0.19	4.06
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Shi Gilt Fxd Int	65.62	66.51	-0.05	6.04
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.40	142.00	-0.10	1.61
UK Growth	145.00	154.50	+0.20	2.12
UK Income	121.60	129.40	...	4.20
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	83.65	89.04	-0.72	1.84
Growth	44.11	47.18	+0.17	2.90
Income	53.94	57.31	+0.11	4.21
Far East	47.96	51.29	-0.06	0.15
North American	80.45	86.50	-0.73	0.01
Global	82.34	88.06	-0.04	2.75
European	67.84	72.56	-0.75	1.23
Japan	111.80	119.40	+0.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.38	60.69	-0.23	5.28
UK Cap Gwth	77.30	82.74	-0.01	2.16

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.40	132.40	-0.80	0.12
-do- Acc	132.30	140.80	-0.80	0.12
European	64.52	68.38	-0.45	0.90
-do- Acc	66.87	70.88	-0.47	0.90
Far East Gen	63.40	67.45	-0.27	...
-do- Acc	63.40	67.45	-0.27	...
Glenfriars	241.50	257.00	-1.00	0.74
-do- Acc	271.90	289.30	-1.10	0.74
Growth	376.30	402.50	+0.70	2.31
-do- Acc	644.20	689.00	+1.40	2.31
Income Growth	372.20	396.00	+0.80	3.80
-do- Acc	495.00	526.60	+1.10	3.80
Master Portfolio	9328.0	9666.0	-10.00	2.86
-do- Acc	10795.0	11187.0	-11.00	2.86
Special Sits	86.40	91.92	+0.13	2.25
-do- Acc	101.10	107.56	+0.15	2.25
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1180.0	1217.0	+4.00	4.38
-do- Acc	1392.0	1436.0	+5.00	4.38
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	184.60	196.70	-0.60	1.68
Capital	526.60	561.90	+1.70	2.37
Eurotrack (O)	126.40	134.50	-0.70	1.54
Euro Gth	78.32	83.40	-0.66	1.35
Far East Growth	90.02	96.07	+0.07	0.14
Global Bond	23.23	24.48	-0.06	6.11
Hong Kong	80.56	85.97	+2.07	0.80
Income	492.10	525.10	+1.70	3.97
Intl Growth	72.78	77.67	-0.27	1.00
Japan Growth	268.80	286.80	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.20	36.49	+0.23	...
Japan Index	76.82	81.98	+0.29	0.24
Nth American	418.30	446.40	+0.90	0.97
S'pore Mly Gth	53.43	57.02	+0.72	...
The Footsie Fd	107.30	113.20	-0.60	2.60
Tiger Index	137.20	146.40	-0.10	0.68
Topix Index	104.20	111.10	-0.10	2.58
UK Index	122.70	130.90	+0.60	2.97
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P'folio	81.17	86.74	...	1.00
European P'folio	70.87	75.43	...	1.38
Japanese P'folio	64.82	68.79	-0.14	...
Pacific P'folio	97.67	105.03	-0.61	1.11
Cazenove P'folio	69.95	74.82	...	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.99	66.44	...	5.00
Utility & Bond	46.82	49.48	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	8.49
Deposit	5.55	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	595.54	595.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.50	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
Cty Fin Arrows	62.17	65.44	+1.07	2.31
Beckman Intl	79.66	84.06	...	1.15
Friars Hse Inc	175.06	185.22	+1.46	6.19
Friars Hse Cap	244.72	263.16	+1.48	2.77
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9919				
Japan Gth Acc				
Smaller Cos	35.66	37.94	+0.04	1.61
-do- Acc	40.19	42.75	+0.05	1.81
UK General	67.70	72.02	-0.25	2.44
-do- Acc	81.16	86.34	-0.30	2.44
Wwide Bd	62.01	65.61	-0.16	6.12
-do- Acc	79.64	84.16	-0.21	6.12
Wwide Sp Site	55.50	59.06	-0.16	0.17
-do- Acc	57.82	61.54	-0.16	0.17
Quilter General	119.24	126.85	+0.17	2.46
-do- Acc	132.42	140.86	+0.07	2.46
Quilter Income	92.76	98.68	+0.34	3.93
-do- Acc	114.33	121.62	+0.41	3.93
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.97	91.97	+0.02	5.31
-do- Acc	91.97	91.97	+0.03	5.31
Fin Property				
Fixed Conv	40.34	42.91	+0.05	7.03
-do- Acc	106.92	113.74	+0.14	7.03
Equity Inc	146.04	155.36	-0.52	2.80
-do- Acc	465.90	498.72	+1.09	2.80
High Yield	117.28	125.30	+0.31	4.61
-do- Acc	444.77	473.16	+1.10	4.63
Preference	43.63	46.32	-0.03	7.43
-do- Acc	238.36	253.58	-0.15	7.43
PPT Europe	147.15	156.54	-0.03	0.97
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.73	50.35	-0.03	7.28
PPT Global Bnd	61.66	64.74	+0.16	5.62
PPT Gold Grth	57.15	60.90	-1.22	...
PPT Oriental Gth	54.66	58.49	-0.40	0.50
PPT Far East Gth	103.90	110.11	-0.40	0.27
PPT Managed	60.62	64.49	+0.03	3.39
-do- Acc	74.11	78.84	+0.04	3.39
PPT Japan	115.74	123.17	-0.33	...
PPT N Amer	143.11	152.24	-1.05	0.09
PPT UK Gth	115.74	123.13	+0.01	1.90
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	80.78	85.94	-0.37	0.92
Japanese Acc	61.47	65.39	+0.19	...
UK Balncd Acc	125.90	133.92	...	2.51
-do- Inc	146.80	156.20	...	2.51
UK Growth Acc	205.90	219.00	-0.27	2.21
UK High Inc	130.20	139.30	-0.21	6.56
-do- Acc	157.80	167.60	-0.30	6.56
N America Acc	107.30	114.20	-1.20	0.24
European Acc	150.60	160.20	-1.50	0.44
UK Pref Fxl Inc	59.70	63.32	-0.15	9.02
-do- Acc	96.24	102.20	-0.20	8.92
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.73	49.71	-0.44	0.22
Environmntl Opp	70.66	75.67	+0.14	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	167.30	174.00	-0.80	0.44
UK Smlr Cos	193.40	205.50	+0.70	1.27
Eurofund	36.64	38.82	-0.27	1.03
Mngd Exempt	263.70	280.60	-3.10	3.08
Growth Inc	212.00	225.50	+1.20	3.77
High Dist	138.00	147.60	-0.22	5.58
International	314.60	334.50	-0.40	0.97
Intl Income	79.34	84.30	-0.43	3.09
Pacific	57.24	60.92	-0.20	0.49
Smllr Jap Cos	69.14	73.46	...	...
Tokyo	201.00	213.60	+0.60	...
Japan Exempt	114.50	117.68	-0.40	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	571.40	587.10	+19.80	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	117.60	125.00	-0.70	1.12
Australia	6.840	7.368	-0.077	1.09
Equity	184.90	196.50	+0.80	3.56
Euro Spec Sits	138.30	146.40	-0.70	0.57
Financial	38.85	41.28	-0.15	2.93
Global Opps Inc	87.08	92.52	-0.47	2.18
-do- Acc	90.26	95.90	-0.48	2.18
Gold Gen Inc	47.16	50.11	-0.47	0.87
-do- Acc	90.51	96.17	-0.87	0.87
Income	120.30	127.80	...	3.83
Japan General	155.90	165.20	+0.20	...
Preference	21.41	22.75	+0.04	8.00
UK Capital	102.30	108.70	+0.60	3.10
Worldwide Cap	194.30	206.40	+0.20	3.11
World Income	81.07	86.14	-0.49	3.54
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	173.90	184.90	...	1.08
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.99	108.41	+0.22	3.32
High Income	118.59	124.83	+0.22	4.87
Tst of Inv Tsts	141.93	149.40	+0.07	2.14
Special Sits	83.07	87.44	+0.13	2.79
North American	101.63	106.98	-0.11	0.94
Far Eastern	241.27	253.97	+0.19	1.38
Intl Growth	93.55	98.47	-0.25	1.37
European	62.56	65.85	-0.28	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.91	73.59	+0.38	2.19
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	215.50	229.20	...	3.66
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	116.30	123.70	-0.80	...
High Income	24.54	26.14	+0.31	5.82
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 5th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.91	95.10	-0.55	0.87
Far Eastern	136.00	145.50	-0.20	...
Oseas Income	88.16	94.23	-0.67	2.47
UK Growth	92.15	98.56	-0.10	0.97
UK Income	97.80	104.60	-0.20	3.50
US Smaller Cos	235.80	252.20	-1.10	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	409.60	436.90	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	417.40	446.30	-2.00	...
Capital	285.80	304.00	-0.30	1.92
-do- Acc	396.00	423.30	-0.30	1.92
Conti Smllr Cos	47.66	51.15	-0.35	0.77
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Convertible	113.90	121.10	+0.10	5.95
-do- Acc	217.00	230.80	+0.30	5.95
European	93.66	100.10	-1.00	0.98
-do- Acc	97.42	104.17	-1.00	0.98
Extra Income	290.50	[illegible]	+1.40	4.02
-do- Acc	400.70	[illegible]	+2.50	4.22
Financial	101.06	109.40	-0.72	[illegible]
-do- Acc	206.70	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Health Fund Inc	111.41	119.00	-0.21	...
-do- Acc	111.41	119.00	-0.22	...
Income Fst	175.20	[illegible]	+0.20	3.94
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.40	3.94
Intl Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.40	...
Japan Gen	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.22	...
Mngd P'folio Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monthly Income	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.21	4.00
Recovery	275.60	[illegible]	-0.50	0.72
-do- Acc	338.00	[illegible]	-0.40	0.72
Gilt Gth Tst	59.59	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.03
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	342.24	364.09	+2.69	2.85
-do- Acc	699.53	744.19	+1.41	2.85
Euro Gth Dist	105.49	112.69	-1.15	0.97
-do- Acc	106.53	112.93	-1.19	0.97
Fixed Int Dist	129.76	135.46	-0.12	7.61
-do- Acc	255.14	277.92	-0.21	[illegible]
Intl Gth Dist	75.55	80.27	-0.39	0.77
-do- Acc	73.15	83.14	-0.40	0.77
Nth Amer Dist	161.07	170.59	-1.35	0.57
-do- Acc	174.12	184.98	-1.67	0.57
Pac Basin Dist	244.14	259.49	-0.91	0.15
-do- Acc	249.21	264.05	-0.91	0.15
Stewardship Dist	277.16	[illegible]	-1.08	1.79
-do- Acc	354.35	376.95	-1.09	1.79
Stwd Inc Dist	62.44	66.64	-0.05	3.41
-do- Acc	77.32	82.27	-0.07	3.41
N Am Stwd Dist	96.22	101.24	-0.74	...
-do- Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.79	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 5th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	159.70	168.40	-0.30	...
European	399.20	422.30	-2.40	1.01
Far East General	222.70	238.21	+0.20	0.30
Germany	95.31	100.90	-1.10	0.45
Global Assets In	66.26	70.37	-0.02	2.25
Global Assets Ac	70.25	74.06	-0.02	2.23
Income Inc	117.90	125.11	+1.75	6.07
International	255.60	276.90	-0.30	1.01
Intl Income	77.32	82.25	-0.46	4.85
Japan General	366.20	389.50	-2.40	...
Smllr Cos Dis	46.55	49.75	+1.31	6.10
UK Capital Inc	160.90	172.75	+0.55	2.48
-do- Acc	275.20	296.40	+0.70	2.90
UK Spec Sits	72.95	76.02	-0.25	1.63
US General	109.50	116.90	-1.20	0.12
Wwide Spec Sits	113.50	121.40	-0.66	[illegible]
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.43	46.45	+0.09	1.44
Cash Trust*	128.57	128.57	+0.04	5.14
Pract Inv Inc	100.90	107.80	+0.04	4.01
-do- Acc	216.91	232.50	+0.10	4.01
UK Smaller Cos	101.56	108.91	+0.25	1.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.16	27.00	+0.09	7.86
High Inc	30.71	32.94	-0.22	5.09
UK Equity Inc	125.52	134.21	+0.44	3.98
Global Bond	28.98	31.02	-0.19	5.21
International Funds				
Gold Intl	40.43	46.22	-0.05	2.67
Frontier Markets	39.55	42.40	-0.24	2.42
Global Inc Gth	116.32	123.31	-0.14	2.21
UK Intl	109.25	116.55	-0.37	0.41
Overseas Funds				
American	124.34	132.61	-2.74	0.57
European	39.62	42.15	-0.47	0.47
Euro Sel Opps	70.23	75.15	-0.06	0.54
American Emerg	76.72	82.22	-0.24	...
Hong Kong	115.77	123.22	+0.83	1.80
Japan	221.91	236.05	+0.37	...
Pacific Growth	152.21	164.50	+0.29	0.61

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	124.44	133.09	-0.65	0.37
American Gth	117.60	125.78	-1.08	...
European Gth	65.32	69.86	-0.47	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	77.36	82.72	-0.36	...
Pacific Inc	141.57	151.41	+1.20	2.85
Pacific Strategy	120.90	129.31	+0.09	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.54	74.41	-0.47	4.61
Gr British Cos	47.30	49.81	+0.11	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.31	47.39	-0.07	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.00	131.00	+0.10	5.34
Gilt Fixed	117.10	124.20	-0.40	6.70
Growth Equity	279.40	298.50	+0.10	2.34
Guardhill	416.70	445.10	+0.40	2.26
Income Trust	107.40	114.70	...	3.10
International	152.70	163.10	-0.80	0.37
Japan Trust	122.60	130.90	-0.40	...
Nth American	240.60	257.00	-2.60	0.51
Pacific	364.80	389.70	-2.20	...
European	337.60	360.60	-1.10	0.75
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.53	36.61	-0.10	1.75
-do- Acc	36.15	38.32	-0.10	1.75
Inc Adv Inc	29.11	30.86	...	4.23
-do- Acc	30.36	32.08	...	4.23
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	74.21	79.50	-0.41	0.97
Equity Income	109.20	116.20	+0.10	3.55
European	128.50	136.00	-0.40	0.89
Intl Situation	73.91	78.63	-0.32	...
Japanese	144.30	153.10	+0.20	...
North American	96.31	102.30	-1.00	...
Scandinavian	114.40	120.90	-0.80	...
Smaller Cos	29.89	31.80	-0.02	2.01
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	85.02	90.87	-0.82	...
Asian Enterprise	125.32	134.86	-0.01	0.71
Australian	132.57	141.71	-3.99	1.26
European	359.00	379.97	-1.45	1.37
European Inc	68.75	72.72	-0.28	3.08
Euro Sml Co	120.12	128.05	-0.65	0.69
Extra Income	256.04	272.57	+0.07	4.51
Family of Funds	69.22	73.81	-0.24	1.29
Fixed Interest	54.68	58.46	+0.01	8.06
Global Resour	98.95	106.21	-1.81	0.81
High Inc	281.71	301.14	-0.26	4.17
Income Gth	235.92	251.24	-3.60	3.32
-do- Acc	597.68	632.26	+1.52	3.32
International	224.31	235.95	-1.13	0.63
Japan Spc Sit	234.90	249.86	+0.86	...
Japan	202.24	214.97	+0.66	...
N Amer	212.13	225.68	-1.97	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	193.13	196.50	-0.39	0.36
Pref Gilt	44.55	48.72	+0.18	8.76
Smaller Cos Div	161.62	176.15	+0.22	1.91
Special Sits	251.91	269.53	-0.07	2.05
-do- Acc	395.16	415.22	-0.11	2.05
Sect of British	54.59	55.57	-0.15	2.22
Spirit of the East	59.61	63.94	+0.14	0.61
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.42	91.43	-0.42	2.48
Capital	151.90	162.40	-0.10	2.02
Dollar	292.80	313.10	-3.00	0.07
European	190.20	203.50	-1.10	0.59
Far East	231.30	247.30	-1.40	0.51
Financial	677.10	724.10	-0.10	2.46
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.12	26.09	-0.02	9.14
High Yield	101.10	107.90	+0.40	4.72
Income	131.50	140.60	+0.60	3.76
Intl	277.10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Tech	69.67	74.5	-0.11	...
Nat Resources	58.00	62.33	-0.04	3.69
Security	290.30	310.30	-0.70	2.17
Smaller Cos	106.40	113.90	-0.20	1.50
Special Sits	134.20	143.50	-0.40	1.59
US Smaller Cos	62.05	66.36	-0.42	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 56 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 9673				
Brit Oseas	242.00	258.70	+0.90	1.42
Capital Gwth	98.31	103.50	...	2.56
Inv Trust	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	21.30	23.52	+0.21	1.56
Special Features	25.00	26.67	+0.10	1.64
-do- Acc	31.05	32.82	+0.11	1.00
General Funds				
UK Growth	52.00	55.64	+0.19	1.92
Assets Earnings	69.47	73.81	+0.28	1.92
-do- Acc	91.74	96.71	+0.23	1.92
Managed Invest	85.30	91.25	-0.16	1.21
Paper Children	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.32	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.54	50.54	+0.02	4.46
Extra Inc	77.40	82.63	-0.14	4.91
Gilt	27.40	28.97	-0.02	6.87
Income Gth	37.90	40.50	+0.04	3.40
NISmar	74.19	75.42	-0.19	9.09
Preference	17.47	19.00	-0.26	6.27
UK Income	701.20	720.00		2.99
Sector Specialist Funds				
Final Sec	55.04	58.45	-0.11	1.29
Property Shares	61.54	65.17	+0.15	1.01
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	180.50	197.87	-0.50	3.79
European Acc	106.90	113.30	-2.60	1.85
European Dist	101.80	107.90	-0.70	1.95
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.06	50.06	-0.43	0.93
European Perf	106.10	112.50	-0.30	1.07
-do- Acc	108.00	114.80	-0.90	1.07
Euro Small Cos	20.70	22.01	-0.08	0.76
French Growth	63.44	67.59	-0.77	0.54
-do- Acc	67.77	72.21	-0.82	0.54
Hong K/China	70.62	75.34	+0.48	1.04
Intl Growth	49.59	52.90	-0.17	0.66
-do- Acc	49.90	52.90	-0.17	0.66
Japan Perf	34.72	36.95	-0.03	...
Accum Units	34.72	36.89	-0.03	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.27	39.57	+0.26	...
Singapore Asean	77.45	82.97	-0.58	0.29
-do- Acc	77.93	84.49	-0.59	0.29
South East Asia	228.10	243.90	...	0.98
US Smllr Cos	100.20	106.30	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	101.20	107.50	-0.50	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	92.10	97.46	-0.46	2.23
Intl Bond	56.05	59.71	-0.33	6.41
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600 Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	64.33	69.67	-0.02	5.00
Extra Income	51.57	54.86	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Yield	116.90	123.40	-0.22	7.46
Global Income	195.30	207.90	...	4.22
High Yield	131.40	137.80	+1.01	5.92

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Smllr Cos Div	47.12	50.13	+0.09	4.19
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	86.00	91.49	-0.39	...
North American	72.20	76.81	-0.48	0.42
European	127.00	135.10	-0.60	0.87
Euro Special	76.11	80.97	-0.76	0.95
General	259.40	276.00	+2.90	3.23
Japan	418.50	445.30	+0.10	...
Japanese Special	230.60	245.30	+2.10	...
Master Acc	210.80	224.30	-0.10	1.38
Pacific	265.40	282.30	+4.20	0.57
Smaller Cos	100.20	106.60	+3.06	1.97
UK Equity Gth	34.12	36.30	-0.59	1.79
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.39	75.95	-0.85	0.94
Extra Income	23.54	25.04	+0.03	3.26
Far East	26.63	28.33	-0.23	0.95
Income Gwth	71.24	75.79	+0.13	2.80
Intl Growth	50.13	53.33	-0.38	0.71
Japan	64.58	68.70	-0.17	...
Maximum Dist*	99.51	101.50	...	6.86
N Amer Equity	36.87	39.22	-0.35	0.27
UK Equity	84.81	90.22	+0.07	3.06
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.88	56.26	+0.21	4.44
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGEMENT 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	418.10	444.80	+1.80	2.91
Equity Acc	793.60	844.30	+3.40	2.91
Equity Income	89.92	95.66	-0.08	5.16
European	92.28	98.17	-0.66	1.74
Far Eastern	180.10	191.60	-1.10	0.30
Fixed Interest	50.74	53.98	+0.01	6.47
Gilt	88.41	93.75	-0.19	6.56
Global Growth	64.32	68.43	-0.25	0.76
Intl Bond	54.91	58.41	-0.51	4.86
Japanese	69.66	74.11	+0.26	...
Overseas Equity	93.18	99.13	...	0.80
Pacific Gth	84.38	89.77	-1.16	1.25
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	302.90	322.30	-3.60	2.99
-do- Acc	665.00	707.50	-8.20	2.99
Conti Euro Gth	48.94	51.52	-0.39	1.60
-do- Acc	51.75	54.48	-0.41	1.60
Extra Inc	233.90	248.90	-4.20	3.99
-do- Acc	578.30	615.30	-0.10	3.99
German Gth	98.66	103.90	-0.90	0.32
-do- Acc	103.50	109.00	-0.90	0.32
Growth Port	482.70	513.10	+0.10	0.80
-do- Acc	482.30	513.10	+0.10	0.80
Income	439.50	467.60	...	3.57
-do- Acc	1129.0	1200.0	...	3.57
Income Port	490.50	510.50	-0.20	4.04
-do- Acc	485.10	515.50	-0.20	4.04
Japan Growth	95.19	101.30	-0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	95.52	101.70	-0.20	0.01
Master Trust	50.93	54.19	-0.10	1.70
-do- Acc	55.60	58.94	-0.11	1.70
N American Gen	172.60	183.70	-2.10	0.01
-do- Acc	199.40	212.20	-2.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	131.30	139.70	-0.50	0.01
-do- Acc	134.00	142.60	-0.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	197.40	210.00	-1.40	0.51
-do- Acc	209.60	222.10	-1.70	0.51
Small Cos Rec	295.30	314.00	-0.10	2.32
-do- Acc	380.40	404.90	-0.10	2.32
UK Growth	76.50	81.71	-1.17	2.49
-do- Acc	89.55	95.27	-1.37	2.49
Worldwide Gth	277.70	294.80	-1.10	0.28
-do- Acc	394.40	419.00	-1.70	0.28
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	75.37	80.07	+0.04	3.10
Income	59.47	63.81	+0.19	5.80
International	55.75	59.82	-0.24	0.80
American	57.27	61.37	-0.49	0.40
Japan	53.95	57.81	+0.11	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	54.96	58.47	+0.14	2.00
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	369.20	389.90	-4.90	0.85
-do- Acc	455.60	481.10	-6.00	0.85
American Rec	397.60	420.50	-5.50	0.19
-do- Acc	455.50	481.80	-6.30	0.19
Am Sm Co Acc	113.60	120.30	-0.80	...
Australia Acc	151.90	160.60	-1.70	1.23
Capital	645.00	682.10	-0.90	2.99
-do- Acc	711.70	752.60	-1.00	2.99
Commodity Acc	417.20	441.30	-10.20	0.79
Compnd Gth	797.30	841.20	-0.50	2.96
Dividend	34.10	36.10	-0.10	4.24
-do- Acc	135.20	142.90	-0.50	4.24
Equity Inc	289.60	306.30	-0.30	4.84
European Div	58.20	61.50	-0.10	4.38
-do- Acc	65.80	69.50	-0.20	4.38
European Gen	372.10	393.50	-1.30	1.67
-do- Acc	464.80	491.60	-1.40	1.67
Extra Yield	368.10	389.30	-0.90	4.38
-do- Acc	1070.3	1128.5	-2.60	4.38
Far Eastern	296.40	313.70	-2.10	0.56
-do- Acc	390.20	412.70	-2.20	0.56
Fund of Inv	484.10	511.90	+0.60	2.27
-do- Acc	883.10	933.80	+1.50	2.27
General	52.30	55.30	-0.10	3.64
-do- Acc	137.80	145.70	-0.30	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	60.20	60.20	...	7.97
-do- Acc	151.20	151.30	-0.10	7.97
Gold	53.70	56.80	-1.00	0.92
-do- Acc	62.90	66.50	-1.10	0.92
High Inc	24.60	26.00	...	4.60
-do- Acc	91.00	96.50	...	4.60
Intl Growth	67.10	70.90	-0.40	0.97
-do- Acc	115.50	122.30	-0.70	0.93
Intl Inc	90.70	95.90	-0.30	4.35
Japan Gen Acc	49.80	52.70	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	146.50	157.10	...	...
Midland	52.20	55.20	-0.10	1.44
-do- Acc	167.10	176.70	-0.30	1.44
Recovery	35.70	37.90	-0.10	2.78
-do- Acc	56.10	59.40	-0.10	2.78
Second Gen	60.10	63.60	-0.10	3.55
-do- Acc	147.10	155.50	-0.30	3.55
Smaller Cos	58.30	61.70	+0.20	3.22
-do- Acc	110.50	116.90	+0.20	3.22
Trustee	38.10	40.30	...	3.55
Charibond 3	1109.44	...	-0.20	9.95
Charifund 2	608.37	620.50	-0.20	5.29
Pension ex 1	824.10	844.10	-1.80	4.30
NAACIF Inc 3	144.42	...	-0.20	9.01
-do- Acc 3	2107.5	...	-2.50	9.01
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester 3, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	133.50	142.70	...	2.04
-do- Acc	148.20	158.50	...	2.04
UK Income	112.10	119.80	-0.25	2.65
-do- Acc	125.10	133.60	-0.25	2.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	77.12	82.46	-0.90	0.82
Far East (Pacific)	136.81	145.20	-2.40	0.66
Income Growth	69.46	71.60	+0.02	3.16
European	65.36	69.38	-0.28	1.31
Nth American	54.57	57.92	-0.66	1.05
UK Growth	72.91	77.37	-0.16	1.07
Intl Growth	92.06	97.22	-0.46	0.66
Charities	105.30	111.60	+0.10	3.81

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	66.59	70.68	-0.24	4.27
Japan	53.45	56.74	-0.08	0.02
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	179.90	190.80	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	192.30	204.00	-2.60	...
Cash	100.40	100.40	...	5.43
-do- Acc	129.10	129.10	...	5.43
European Gth	185.80	197.00	-1.60	0.81
-do- Acc	198.90	211.00	-1.70	0.81
General	448.40	478.40	+2.20	2.54
-do- Acc	853.20	910.10	+4.70	2.54
Global Dist	129.30	135.90	-0.60	5.37
-do- Acc	144.70	152.10	-0.60	5.37
Income	133.10	142.00	-0.80	4.80
-do- Acc	196.30	209.40	-0.40	4.80
International	372.80	397.50	-3.10	0.70
-do- Acc	494.50	527.30	-4.20	0.70
Japan	180.80	191.80	...	...
-do- Acc	185.60	196.90	+0.10	...
New Europe	133.30	142.20	-0.70	1.82
-do- Acc	135.60	144.70	-0.50	1.82
Recovery	286.40	305.50	+1.40	2.94
-do- Acc	362.00	386.20	+1.80	2.94
European Inc	71.79	76.31	-0.39	3.19
-do- Acc	91.07	96.81	-0.49	3.19
Brit Blue Chip	70.27	74.83	+0.32	3.37
-do- Acc	82.88	88.25	+0.37	3.37
Portfolio	71.98	76.54	-0.06	2.96
-do- Acc	81.84	87.03	-0.07	2.96
Gold General	113.30	121.90	-0.90	0.77
-do- Acc	114.90	123.60	-0.90	0.77
Pacific	90.13	96.14	-0.33	0.87
-do- Acc	95.25	101.60	-0.30	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	51.28	54.70	+0.08	2.07
-do- Acc	57.22	61.04	+0.09	2.07
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.95	59.84	-0.11	3.03
-do- Acc	56.81	60.76	-0.12	3.03
British Dist	75.09	80.31	-0.27	2.04
-do- Acc	85.00	90.91	-0.31	2.04
European Gth	162.40	173.60	-1.90	0.32
-do- Acc	204.00	218.10	-2.20	0.32
Extra High Inc	67.40	72.09	+0.13	6.29
-do- Acc	118.60	126.80	+0.30	6.29
FT-SE 100 Index	47.78	51.10	+0.24	2.65
-do- Acc	47.78	51.10	+0.24	2.65
Gilt Fixed Int	55.34	57.61	-0.07	6.85
-do- Acc	145.60	151.50	-0.20	6.85
High Yield	210.70	225.40	+0.60	4.68
-do- Acc	495.00	529.40	+1.60	4.68
Income	273.10	292.10	+1.20	3.50
-do- Acc	567.70	607.20	+2.50	3.50
Japan Gth	335.50	358.80	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	354.10	378.70	+1.20	...
Mandarin Acc	94.84	101.40	-0.90	1.21
North American	157.80	168.80	-1.40	0.54
-do- Acc	199.00	212.90	-1.30	0.54
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	250.20	266.90	-2.60	...
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.00	+0.04	6.11
Deposit Acc	122.28	122.28	+0.03	6.11
Euro Gth Acc	265.90	284.10	-2.50	...
Europa	120.10	128.80	-0.90	...
Intl Gth	165.00	176.30	-1.20	...
Japan Tracker	74.49	78.85	+0.10	...
UK Equity Inc	144.20	155.50	...	4.22
-do- Acc	170.70	190.50	...	4.22
UK Ind Tracker	140.10	150.00	+0.20	3.22
US Eq Ind Trkr	181.90	193.10	-1.60	1.51
-do- Acc	192.40	204.30	-1.70	1.51
Asian Tracker	155.70	166.30	-0.30	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	158.20	162.00	-1.70	2.41
European	58.47	59.77	-0.43	1.20
Olympiad	52.65	54.00	-0.51	0.28
Global Bond	44.00	46.50	-0.25	6.72
Smaller Cos	63.38	66.24	-0.04	1.32
Equity Income	91.49	92.98	...	5.08
UK Growth	80.50	82.93	-0.10	2.16
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.60	47.57	-0.48	1.01
Australian Acc	295.10	305.80	-6.40	...
Conscience	62.92	67.15	+1.08	1.06
-do- Acc	67.56	72.10	+1.16	1.06
European	160.40	171.10	-1.30	1.13
-do- Acc	172.50	184.00	-1.40	1.13
Extra Income	70.98	75.75	+0.18	5.86
-do- Acc	107.70	114.90	+0.30	5.86
Far East Gth	162.10	173.20	+0.30	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.04	60.38	-0.10	6.43
Gold	42.95	46.18	-0.65	...
-do- Acc	46.25	49.73	-0.65	...
Income	51.54	54.97	+0.61	5.11
-do- Acc	154.50	164.80	+1.80	5.11
International	28.65	30.74	-0.04	1.07
-do- Acc	41.16	44.16	-0.15	1.07
Jap Sm Cos Acc	332	354.10	-0.30	...
S'pore Mly Acc	179	191.90	-0.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.12	27.01	+0.38	2.04
Special Sits	31.60	33.97	+0.00	1.80
-do- Acc	36.40	39.13	+0.04	1.80
Tokyo	82.80	88.38	+0.18	...
-do- Acc	85.70	89.28	+0.20	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	66.32	70.56	-0.18	2.83
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.61	77.05	-0.05	7.22
N&P Higher Inc	191.60	203.90	+0.70	4.48
N&P UK Income	97.99	104.14	+0.30	3.90
N&P Intl	84.92	90.24	-0.20	1.90
N&P Smaller Cos	74.44	79.20	+0.11	1.54
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	158.10	168.51	-0.50	2.31
Global	274.78	292.32	+0.26	1.14
Growth	104.82	111.53	+0.46	2.55
Income	195.00	207.55	+1.24	4.40
Intl Bond	121.90	129.21	-0.11	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	134.20	141.30	+0.70	2.50
-do- Acc	239.00	250.50	+1.20	2.50
Income	212.40	226.10	-0.20	3.66
Intl Equity	214.90	228.50	-1.30	0.92
-do- Acc	235.20	250.20	-1.30	0.92
Equity	213.40	227.00	-0.30	2.45
-do- Acc	432.60	460.20	+0.60	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.59	71.90	+0.01	1.95
UK Income	58.14	62.91	-0.01	3.16
UK Smllr Co Acc	71.93	76.51	+0.78	1.49
New Europe Acc	58.96	62.72	-0.26	1.52
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	91.19	97.53	...	0.08
PEP Gth Inc	97.54	104.33	-0.13	1.20
Intl Gth	466.86	499.33	-0.23	0.79
Income	292.10	312.41	+1.31	3.31
W'wide Recov	297.44	318.12	-0.48	0.18
American Gth	195.09	208.66	-1.34	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	180.57	193.13	-0.05	0.07
Far East Gth	212.65	227.65	-0.80	0.05

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.61	116.17	-0.94	1.31
UK Growth	74.63	79.82	+0.19	2.97
High Income	81.12	86.77	+0.15	4.58
Japanese Gth	213.70	227.03	+0.05	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	168.00	178.70	-0.10	0.89
High Income	106.20	112.90	+1.40	3.74
Conv Gilt	106.50	113.30	...	6.54
Far East	299.40	318.50	-0.20	0.39
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	47.37	50.39	-0.41	0.22
Emerging Mkts	59.10	62.87	-0.24	0.69
General	47.22	50.23	+0.25	3.24
International	80.60	85.74	-0.36	1.40
Gth Units	24.80	25.57	-0.06	7.54
Global PEP	33.52	35.66	-0.07	2.15
Income Gth	63.32	67.36	+0.21	4.86
European	40.71	43.31	-0.30	0.70
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.56	27.19	+0.03	5.75
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	30.48	32.59	-0.03	1.52
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.89	100.89	+0.03	5.27
-do- Acc	105.01	105.01	+0.04	5.27
Pru Equity	642.14	686.78	+3.29	2.47
Pru Equity Inc	77.30	82.67	+0.06	4.65
Pru European	166.11	177.65	-0.79	1.90
Pru Global Gth	77.26	82.63	+0.05	1.56
Pru High Inc	84.21	90.08	-0.04	5.70
Pru Intl	156.82	167.72	-0.60	1.29
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.98	70.56	-0.24	0.91
Pru Japanese	198.49	212.28	+0.28	...
Pru Nth Amer	134.45	143.79	-1.69	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	73.92	79.05	-0.06	1.78
Pru Premr Inc	48.19	50.18	-0.12	7.63
Pru Smllr Cos	80.87	86.49	+0.06	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	96.43	103.13	+0.36	2.25
Pru UK Growth	107.60	115.08	+0.52	2.35
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	149.53	161.08	+0.26	3.68
NC Japan	267.51	286.71	-0.83	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.09	97.8b	+0.09	2.46
NC America Inc	456.44	489.79	-6.46	0.87
-do- Acc	530.16	568.90	-7.50	0.87
NC Smlr UK Cos	256.65	280.12	+0.57	1.51
NC European	243.80	260.45	-2.19	1.35
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 829929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	70.07	74.54	-0.11	3.78
Capital Units	140.10	149.00	-0.30	1.32
Commodity	103.00	109.50	-1.70	1.19
European Gth	146.90	156.20	-1.00	1.36
Financial Sec	164.40	174.50	-2.60	1.93
High Return	209.80	223.10	-0.10	4.47
High Yield	202.00	214.80	+1.10	4.07
Income Units	106.20	112.90	-0.20	4.87
Investment	168.80	179.50	+0.30	1.15
Japan Gth	152.30	162.00	+0.10	...
Japan Smaller	186.90	198.80	+0.70	...
Masterfund	45.73	48.64	+0.41	0.93
Scotbits	241.70	257.10	-1.30	1.64
Scotshares	246.40	262.10	-5.20	2.35
Scotyields	217.90	231.80	-0.10	3.99
Select Intl	125.50	133.50	-0.90	0.74
Smaller Cos	224.80	239.10	+0.20	4.03
Special Situation	107.50	114.30	-0.10	0.84
UK Equity	219.70	233.70	-0.10	2.87
US Growth	131.40	139.70	-1.40	0.40
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	226.71	241.82	+0.94	0.51
-do- Acc	245.60	261.97	+1.02	0.51
Australian	124.60	133.12	-1.73	0.80
-do- Acc	140.72	150.50	-2.04	0.80
UK Enterprise	203.80	217.38	-0.43	2.43
-do- Acc	235.43	251.11	-0.49	2.43
European Gth	58.88	62.60	-0.62	1.41
-do- Acc	60.90	64.80	-0.65	1.41
Euro Smllr Cos	54.65	58.20	-0.47	0.39
-do- Acc	55.03	58.60	-0.47	0.39
Far Eastern Gth	69.25	73.86	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	70.37	75.05	+0.12	...
Fixed Interest	51.59	54.41	-0.05	6.57
-do- Acc	62.65	66.07	-0.07	6.87
Gilt Income	100.47	105.87	-0.30	7.58
-do- Acc	140.32	147.87	-0.27	7.58
Income	305.87	326.26	+1.93	4.03
-do- Acc	902.23	962.37	+5.68	4.03
Japan Enterprise	67.07	71.54	-0.04	...
-do- Acc	67.07	71.54	-0.04	...
Japan Smllr Cos	464.57	495.54	+2.85	...
-do- Acc	465.50	496.54	+2.57	...
Pacific Gth	90.90	97.05	-0.65	0.21
-do- Acc	93.69	99.93	-0.66	0.21
Smaller Cos	185.53	197.89	-0.02	0.93
-do- Acc	212.62	226.79	-0.02	0.93
Tokyo	106.14	113.21	-0.44	...
-do- Acc	107.21	114.35	-0.45	...
UK Equity	203.70	217.28	+0.72	2.70
-do- Acc	377.23	402.38	+1.31	2.70
US Smllr Cos	128.18	136.72	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	128.18	136.72	-0.20	...
World Fd	68.65	73.22	+0.03	1.61
-do- Acc	72.38	77.20	+0.04	1.61
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	44.68	47.58	-0.19	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.63	67.77	-0.25	1.21
European Opps	69.46	73.95	-0.55	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.85	101.40	+0.04	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.37	53.64	-0.09	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	339.60	362.50	+1.80	2.76
American	231.70	246.10	-1.40	0.94
Pacific	324.20	346.70	-0.80	0.66
European	437.40	467.80	-4.00	1.27
Worldwide	77.86	83.27	-0.15	1.18
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	296.60	315.60	+1.00	2.58
UK Sm Cos Eqty	203.90	217.00	+0.90	1.84
European	319.40	339.80	-3.90	2.21
North American	232.50	252.70	-2.00	0.53
Income Plus Inc	63.40	67.45	+0.17	3.72
UK Spec Sits	66.16	70.39	+0.02	2.23
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.98	26.74	+0.05	2.07
Intl Growth Acc	28.29	30.29	-0.17	1.13
Global Inc Acc	30.10	32.21	-0.36	3.65
Market Lnkt Acc	25.57	27.37	+0.14	3.09
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	77.60	82.90	-0.65	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.20	47.01	-0.19	...
-do- Acc	46.80	49.77	-0.20	...
Far East Opps	31.50	34.00	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	32.36	34.84	-0.34	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	97.78	104.60	+0.40	2.01
Global Tech	116.20	125.40	+0.70	...
Income Growth	100.60	108.10	+0.30	3.46
Income Monthly	56.73	60.67	+0.19	4.20
Japan Growth	80.95	86.07	-0.30	...
Overseas Gth	72.92	77.67	-0.18	...
Smaller Cos	71.92	77.33	+0.28	1.96
Special Opps	101.60	109.20	-0.40	2.17
Wld Spec Sits	46.93	50.61	-0.32	...
-do- Acc	47.04	50.73	-0.32	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	$94.61	...	-0.22	...
Global Bond	$94.27	...	-0.07	7.50
Japan Samurai	$96.05	...	+1.42	...
UK Growth	$94.69	...	+0.01	4.10
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	43.11	45.81	-0.10	1.71
Equity Gth Acc	57.93	61.56	...	1.49
UK Eq General	40.93	43.49	-0.10	2.24
-do- Acc	54.10	57.49	-0.10	2.24
European Acc	40.14	42.65	-0.20	1.10
Far East Acc	54.46	57.87	-0.10	0.21
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.53	31.23	-0.10	6.91
N American Acc	40.96	43.53	-0.40	0.84
Ols Lgr Cos Acc	268.30	291.20	-1.90	1.59
UK Eq High Inc	34.35	36.50	-0.10	3.83
-do- Acc	40.79	43.34	-0.10	3.83
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.40	305.40	-0.60	3.16
UK Lgr Cos Acc	366.40	397.60	-0.80	3.16
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.60	NZ$3.82	...	1.20
US Eq	$2.087	$2.216	...	0.70
Far East Eq	Y248.9	Y264.4	...	...
Japan Eq	Y249.1	Y264.6	...	...
FT Europe	109.80	116.60	...	2.17
FT North Am	$1.700	$1.802	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y239.4	Y254.3	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.868	$1.984	...	1.37
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	323.90	344.00	-3.10	0.32
British	913.30	966.30	+1.40	4.59
European	386.70	411.80	-0.80	1.43
Japan	143.70	152.70	+0.40	...
New Pacific	290.10	309.00	+0.60	1.21
Mngd Cash	95.81	95.81	+0.03	5.09
Majority Stlg	99.99	100.99	+0.03	4.87
Inv Tst	182.20	193.10	+0.30	1.54
Saints PPP	366.90	382.60	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	715.10	764.80	+2.90	2.72
N America Acc	108.90	116.50	-1.40	0.09
Far East Acc	120.80	129.20	-0.60	...
W'wide Bond	59.35	63.00	-0.39	5.41
European	80.54	86.14	-0.67	0.67
Equity Income	80.55	86.15	+0.12	[illegible]
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.65	34.92	-0.05	0.75
Managed Assets	116.13	124.21	+0.16	1.52
UK Income	35.95	38.49	+0.05	3.14
UK Growth	35.60	38.08	+0.12	2.41
Worldwide Gth	30.00	32.09	+0.01	0.37
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	194.81	207.24	-1.79	0.14
-do- Acc	213.95	227.61	-1.97	0.14
British Gth	83.90	89.26	-0.31	1.90
-do- Acc	98.72	105.02	-0.36	1.90
European	92.37	98.20	-1.53	0.63
-do- Acc	97.37	103.59	-1.59	0.63
Extra Inc	182.75	194.42	+0.38	5.20
-do- Acc	291.54	310.15	+0.61	5.20
General Unit	255.06	271.34	+1.26	2.61
-do- Acc	503.28	535.41	+2.48	2.61
Income	318.40	338.72	+0.28	4.21
-do- Acc	648.52	689.92	+0.57	4.21
International	467.61	497.46	-2.59	0.55
-do- Acc	612.11	651.18	-3.00	0.55
Pacific	333.73	355.03	-3.49	...
-do- Acc	349.52	371.83	-3.65	...
Premier Income	49.85	51.97	-0.01	5.57
-do- Acc	103.93	108.28	-0.02	5.57
Nat Resources	117.30	124.68	-2.17	0.70
-do- Acc	128.56	136.75	-2.38	0.70
Selected Opps	93.80	99.79	-0.91	1.26
-do- Acc	117.51	125.01	-1.17	1.26
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	75.26	80.27	-0.59	...
-do- Acc	77.62	82.79	-0.61	...
Cash	50.49	50.49	+0.02	6.24
-do- Acc	61.60	61.60	+0.02	6.24
European Opps	58.91	62.71	-0.57	0.67
-do- Acc	59.52	63.36	-0.57	0.67
Far East Opps	149.63	159.29	+0.02	...
-do- Acc	153.11	163.34	+0.02	...
Gold/Nat Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	83.87	89.46	+0.34	...
-do- Acc	83.87	89.46	+0.34	...
Little Dragons	68.82	73.40	+0.55	0.65
-do- Acc	70.95	75.71	+0.56	0.65
Oriental Income	42.86	45.71	-0.13	3.85
-do- Acc	54.64	58.28	-0.17	3.85
Tiger	210.34	224.36	+0.41	1.11
-do- Acc	221.86	236.35	+0.44	1.11
UK Small Cos	73.01	78.03	+0.72	2.46
-do- Acc	85.17	91.09	+1.06	2.46
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.04	18.12	-0.13	0.57
Pacific Basin	30.76	32.72	-0.06	0.07
Canadian Gth	35.40	37.65	-0.19	...
Global Bond	$0.969	$1.029	-0.006	7.50
Penny Share	24.18	25.72	+0.23	1.60
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.09	52.09	+0.01	5.82
Gilt Growth	64.95	67.59	+0.02	...
Gilt Income	51.23	53.31	-0.19	7.45
Short Dtd Gilt	108.80	109.20	-0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	-0.007	...
Challenger	89.06	91.12	-0.16	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.61	70.86	+0.11	[illegible]

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Ship builders work on at Swan Hunter as their jobs slip away

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

WORKERS returned to their tasks at the Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside yesterday, aware that every screw tightened, every weld completed, brought the dole queues nearer.

A temporary agreement between the Ministry of Defence and receivers to the stricken Wallsend yard has provided a framework within which work on the three Type 23 frigates being fitted out can continue.

Prospects that the receivers can negotiate a new contract to complete the vessels look good. "That is the most desirable option," a defence ministry spokesman said. But the 2,200 workers at the yard know that, at best, such a deal will simply assist a phased rundown. The last of the frigates, HMS Richmond, is due for delivery in two years' time. Unless a buyer is found for the yard, along with new orders, the first redundancies are likely within weeks.

Britain's shipbuilders are well used to contraction. Less than a decade ago, 22,000 were people employed in naval shipbuilding in the United Kingdom. Today, the number is less than half that: by the end of the decade, according to industry executives, there will probably be only 5,000 to 6,000.

Causes for the cuts are not hard to find. The end of the cold war has combined with improved shipbuilding techniques to cut the demand for warships and the number of man-hours needed to produce them.

For at least two years now, bosses of Britain's four warship yards have been warning that there is simply too little work to go round. Construction of surface warships was Swan Hunter's bread and butter work throughout the past decade. When Swan lost the competition to build the next batch of three Type 23 frigates to GEC's Yarrow yard on the Clyde last year, many in the industry questioned the Tyneside yard's ability to survive. The award last week of the £170 million contract to build a new helicopter carrier elsewhere sealed the yard's fate. It also helped preserve jobs, and expertise, elsewhere.

The helicopter ship contract is novel for two reasons. It will be built by a consortium and it will be built to merchant ship standards, rather than the MoD's pernickety regulations.

The hull will be assembled on the Clyde by Kvaerner Govan, a Norwegian-owned merchant shipyard, which would otherwise have had to make 500 workers redundant when the welding work on its current order of four gas carriers ends in 1994.

Fitting out will be done at VSEL at Barrow-in-Furness, in Cumbria, Britain's core warship yard, which is building the four Trident submarines for Britain's next generation sub-sea nuclear deterrent. The contract will secure 500 jobs at VSEL for 18 months, starting in 1996.

Britain's fourth warship yard, Vosper Thornycroft at Southampton, has prospered by specialising in plastic-hulled minehunters and by winning orders for smaller warships for overseas navies.

Managers at Swan Hunter, who acquired the yard in a management buyout from the now-defunct state-owned British Shipbuilders in 1986, tried their hardest to diversify. They, too, produced designs for small warships in an effort to win orders from abroad. They fought for ship refurbishment contracts. And they tried, without success, to gain access to European Community subsidies which help European merchant shipyards compete with rivals in South Korea, Japan and elsewhere.

Given the extent of overcapacity in the industry and the lack of demand, it seems unlikely that Swan Hunter will find a buyer. VSEL made strenuous efforts to find someone to take on the Cammell Laird shipyard on Merseyside before announcing its closure last year.

In the past, many men shed by the shipyards have found work in the North Sea oil industry, which provides employment for an estimated 150,000 workers. This time, that cushion may be missing. Exploration in British waters is being cut drastically in response to tax changes announced in the Budget.

Whitbread writes £595m off value of public houses

By Martin Waller
Deputy City Editor

■ **Heavy discounting by rival brewers will continue to erode margins, while take-home trade is particularly affected by the cheap deals that are being offered by supermarkets**

THE sharp slide in the value of the traditional British public house has prompted a £595 million write-off in the worth of the licensed estate owned by Whitbread, one of Britain's biggest brewers.

Whitbread's annual figures for the year to February 27 also bear witness to the effect of vigorous price-cutting by rival brewers at the end of last year. That forced down the margins at which the company could sell its product to independent public house and to the big supermarket chains.

Pre-tax profits were largely in line with market estimates at £251.2 million against £222.1 million last time, but at the trading level they were 2 per cent higher at £232.6 million. A final dividend of 13p makes a total of 17.75p (16.95p).

Sir Michael Angus, the chairman, said: "There's no doubt that the UK beer market is going to remain highly competitive. But the infamous 'green shoots' are doing their very best to burst into bud."

The group's property portfolio, including its public houses and restaurants, was revalued for the first time since 1989, resulting in the £595 million writedown, which trims book values by 22 per cent. Peter Jarvis, the chief executive, said the previous valuation, which increased the worth of the assets by £980 million, was assessed at the top of the property market, while 60 per cent of the group's estate was in the south, where values fell most in the recession.

He thought the figures emerging from the latest revaluation would turn out to be the bottom of the market in terms of public house values. Whitbread is moving to limit such huge swings in property values by switching to a policy of revaluing 20 per cent of its estate each year in future.

The pre-tax line was deflated by a £8.6 million fall in profits from property disposals but flattered by the non-repetition of a £37 million exceptional item to cover bad debts last time.

Further losses on free-trade loans were minimal last year, the company said.

While the strongest performance came from the managed retail estate, where both sales and profits rose by 13 per cent, the brewing division had a mixed year.

There was heavy discounting by competitors, particularly in take-home trade, in which supermarkets were keen to offer cheap deals for Christmas.

The beer division as a whole witnessed a 1 per cent rise in turnover and a 4 per cent increase in profits. The performance of the public house partnerships business, which comprises the non-managed retail estate, was affected by the need to sell off 540 public houses and free another 1,000 from the tie to comply with the government's beer orders. Profits fell 11 per cent on a turnover down 17 per cent.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Regular revaluation: Sir Michael Angus, left, and Peter Jarvis, will look at property values more often in future

Barclays' US tax case goes to Clinton

From Philip Robinson
in New York

THE fight by Barclays Bank against being taxed by the state of California on its worldwide profits has gone before President Clinton. The US Supreme Court, due to give a final ruling yesterday, instead sought the opinion of the Clinton administration, which could delay a decision for months.

Mr Clinton is the first US president not to have backed Barclays' case, which was supported by Presidents Reagan and Bush. The bank says that for any state to tax a foreign-owned corporation on its worldwide earnings is unconstitutional.

Barclays' arguments are based broadly on international treaties which, it says, would be breached if California were allowed to tax worldwide earnings. It is understood the bank has around $200,000 in unpaid taxes riding on the decision.

The European Community has already said that it may retaliate if the US supports California. Even if Barclays loses the case, the tax fight may still go on through the US subsidiary of Alcan Aluminum, the Canadian metals giant. It has been fighting the Californian law for over a decade and faces a tax bill of more than $8.5 million if it is unsuccessful.

For the years covering the dispute, Alcan says its California operations lost about $5 million. But the California state authorities say it made at least a $15 million profit based on the state's calculation of Alcan's worldwide income. David Hackbirth, Alcan's president, said: "Our case is similar to that of Barclays, but the two focus on substantially different issues. Alcan's case is based on a set of facts that demonstrate how the California scheme actually taxes income already taxed by a foreign jurisdiction, or double taxation."

Lawrence Salibra, part of Alcan's legal team, said: "What is worrying everyone is the domino effect. The other states may say, if California can do it, why can't we?"

BT share auction given a Pep pill

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

THE government is encouraging investors to take a tax-free income from BT shares when it sells the third tranche of the company this summer. Private investors who apply for shares in the retail tender of BT3 through a personal equity plan will get more shares than other applicants it was announced yesterday.

The minimum investment under a Pep will be £1,500. Maximum applications through Peps will also be announced later. In the retail tender for BT2, the minimum was 2,000 shares at an initial cost of about £3,000.

Personal equity plan managers will not levy an initial charge on investments in new plans taken out to buy the BT shares in the retail tender. But those opting for the tender instead of the public offer will forego the incentives or discounts available. The retail tender is intended to give investors the chance to secure "significant allocations" instead of being scaled back in the public offer.

Peps are free of income or capital gains tax. Investors will be able to transfer the shares in BT3 into an existing Pep or a new one. Peps have a £6,000 investment limit each financial year and investors will have to leave some capacity within their plans to allow them to make the second payment before April 5.

Brokers expect that the way the payments will fall means investors will be able to get an income of up to 10 per cent on the shares in the first year. This could escape any income tax in a plan and is likely to prove attractive to investors who have seen interest rates fall steeply in the last few years.

Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury said: "I hope that the Pep arrangements announced today will encourage more investors to consider investing in Peps."

Iran arrears halt ECGD credit cover

PAYMENT arrears amounting to billions of dollars, and rising, have forced Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) to suspend medium- and long-term credit cover to Iran, an important Middle East market for British firms (Colin Narbrough writes).

The suspension comes only two-and-a-half years after the ECGD renewed cover to Iran as part of the restoration of western economic ties with the oil-producing country after a ten-year break. Last year, Britain boosted exports to Iran by 10 per cent to £568 million, while imports were £154 million. An ECGD spokesman said: "The ECGD is simply coming into line with the other export credit agencies."

Further rise in retail sales indicates firm trend to CBI

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

RISING retail sales appear to be firmly established, according to the Confederation of British Industry, whose latest distributive trades survey shows that in April, high street sales rose for the fourth month in succession.

Wholesaling performed particularly well in April, the survey shows, but orders placed across retailing, wholesaling and the motor industry are showing their strongest increase for nearly five years.

The survey, published today and taken among 15,000 retailing sector outlets, shows that retail sales volumes increased "significantly" year-on-year in April, in line with retailers' expectations, and that sales across the sector were for the first time since September 1990 above average for the time of year.

The balance of companies — those reporting an increase set against those recording a fall — registering a rise in the volume of sales in April was 35 per cent, and sales are expected to increase further in May, with the balance up to 41 per cent. The volume of orders placed with suppliers jumped sharply in April, from 13 to 31 per cent — the strongest increase in orders since November 1988. The volume of sales for the time of year also moved into a positive balance, of 6 per cent, for the first time since May last year. Wholesaling was the strongest sector, with the balance of companies reporting an increase in sales up from 41 to 55 per cent, and expected to grow still further in May. Sales are well above levels considered normal for the time of year.

Wholesalers' orders with suppliers rose from a company balance of 19 to 58 per cent, but even so the level of stocks is now thought to be less than adequate to meet expected demand. Among motor traders, a balance of 2 per cent was considerably worse than expectations of a rise of 22 per cent.

Platinum responds to catalyst

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

PLATINUM demand for use in jewellery rose by 40,000 ounces to a record 1.51 million ounces in 1992, and the trend so far in 1993 has remained positive, according to Jeremy Coombes, author of Johnson Matthey's *Platinum 1993* review.

Mr Coombes suggests that use of platinum in catalytic converters will increase this year as tighter anti-pollution legislation in Europe, affecting all new petrol engine cars, is implemented. This year also sees the first phase of tighter US federal emissions standards being applied, which should further underpin demand.

However, investment demand, which in 1992 fell by 160,000 ounces, or 39 per cent, to 255,000 ounces, "may be no more than moderate unless prices become volatile".

The review suggests that the platinum price will be well supported at $350 an ounce, but that on fundamentals a price above $390 an ounce "may not be sustainable".

In 1992, for the third year running, supply at 3.82 million ounces (4.16 million) exceeded demand, which eased from 4.04 million to 3.8 million ounces. However, the 1992 surplus was a modest 20,000 ounces (120,000 ounces surplus in 1991). Last year, supplies fell from both South Africa and Russia, the world's largest producers of platinum group metals.

"There must be a danger [in 1993] that elements of the Russian government . . . might be tempted to make panic sales of platinum group metals from reserves to obtain foreign currency," Mr Coombes says.

Industrial demand, hurt by the recession, fell 9 per cent, with the chemical, electrical and glass industries all showing falls, Japanese demand proved surprisingly resilient, and Swiss watch production, which rose in 1992, will be further helped by the this year's launch of a platinum watch project. The field of industrial application that already embraces the use of platinum in cancer drugs, oxygen sensors and in spark plugs, will widen.

Mr Coombes concedes that announcements about technical advances in catalytic converters especially "substitution stories", have tended to frighten markets, and says reports of new palladium catalysts have done the most damage to platinum's price.

However, while the prospects for the wider use of palladium have improved, "we are confident that demand for platinum will continue to advance and that platinum will remain the dominant metal used for catalytic converters". Johnson Matthey, whose chairman is David Davies, says. The review notes that the South African platinum industry is suffering its lowest profit margins for ten years and says dealers are sure to remain on edge about possible supply disruptions due to political volatility there and in Russia.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



Bright future: David Davies of Johnson Matthey launching *Platinum 93* yesterday

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A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., PO Box 563, 20 Eastbourne Terrace, 2nd Floor, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 13th May 1993
P. Madigan, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
PANSTADIA INTERNATIONAL LTD. IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of the above company by a Resolution of a Meeting of the Company's creditors held on 7 May 1993.
DATED this 7th day of May 1993
N. J. Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chesterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 10th May 1993.
Dated this 10th day of May 1993
M.R. Derrington, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
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(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Chesterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 18th December 1992.
Dated this 10th day of May 1993.
M.R. Derrington, Liquidator.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Stay Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 26 May 1993 at 1030 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stay Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 1200 hrs on 25 May 1993 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Brightstar Properties Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stay Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 6 May 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement or invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 11 May 1993
R Hocking, Liquidator

B L Properties Holdings Limited
Registered Number: 1863627 1
Former Name of Company: Bartlett Land Dic. Nature of Business: Property Investment. Trade Classification: 38. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 11 May 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Legal & General Assurance Society Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: D J Bachler & I P Phillips (office holder nos: 3134 & 2636) of: Bachler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
SHOP DIRECT LIMITED
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
Notice is hereby given that I, Dermot Brendan Coakley, Chartered Accountant, of Leach Bright & Partners, Bartell House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5BG, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 12 May 1993.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me at the above address.
No further public notice or advertisement to prove debts will be given.
Date: 12 May 1993
D B Coakley, Liquidator.

Bartlett Land Overseas Investments Limited
Registered Number: 1914661.
Former Name of Company: Bartlett Land Overseas Investments Limited. Nature of Business: Property investment. Trade Classification: 38. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 12 May 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: D J Bachler & I P Phillips (office holder nos: 3134 & 2636) of: Bachler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GAVIN L B ROBINSON LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Gavin L B Robinson Limited by a resolution at the meeting of creditors held on 12th May 1993.
DATED this 12 day of May 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stay Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 6 May 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement or invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 11 May 1993
R Hocking, Liquidator

IN THE COURT OF SMALL CAUSES AT BOMBAY
RAE SUIT NO. 1571/5182 OF 1984.
KALA ASHOK ZAVERI & ORS ....PLAINTIFFS
V/S
KAILASH R. GATTANI & ORS .... Defendants
TO,
Mr. ARUN R. Gattani
Defendant No. 1 (z),
Flat No. 604, 6th Floor, Panchsheel, Plot No.53,
C. Road, Churchgate, Bombay - 400 020.
AND
Last known residing address at
31, Middle Road, Denham, Uxbridge,
ENGLAND &E-9-5-E4.
WHEREAS the Plaintiffs abovenamed have instituted the above suit against you and other defendants for the vacant and peaceful possession of the Suit premises viz. Flat No.604, 6th floor, Panchsheel, 'C' Road, Churchgate Bombay - 400 020 with all the cost of the suit.
YOU ARE, hereby summoned to file your written statement with list of documents, if any relied upon, on 8th June, 1993 and appear before Honourable Court Room No.10 at 2.30 P.M. in person or by duly authorised pleads of the Court duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the said suit and shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions on the aforesaid day to answer the abovenamed plaintiffs and as the day fixed for your appearance is 8th June, 1993. You must be prepared to produce and file your written statement on that date.
You are hereby requested to take notice that the Suit will be heard and determined ex-parte in your absence in the event of your default in filing your written statement of your appearance on that date i.e. 8th June, 1993 in Court Room No.10.
You may obtain a true copy of the Plaint from Court Room No.10 of this Court.
GIVEN ORDER BY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS COURT.
This 21ST DAY OF APRIL 1993.
Mr. G.K. Chandan.
Advocate for plaintiffs,
265, princess Street, Bombay - 400 002.
(U.M. Pandit)
Registrar.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PARMENTER nee SMITH, DORA LOUISE PARMENTER otherwise DORA PARMENTER nee SMITH WIDOW late of 15 Holmewood Road, Brixton Hill, Brixton, London SW2 died at Lambeth, London SE1 on 20 May 1991
(Estate about £29,000)
RIDDLESDEN, LAURA RIDDLESDEN SPINSTER late of Beeston Manor, Beeston Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire died at Leeds on 3 March 1993
(Estate about £40,000)
RIPLEY nee HUDSON, GEORGINA DIXON RIPLEY nee HUDSON WIDOW late of 16 Station View, Starbeck, Harrogate, North Yorkshire died there on 31 December 1990
(Estate about £5,500)
STRAVINSKAS otherwise STALAS, JOHNNY STRAVINSKAS otherwise JOHN STRAVINSKAS otherwise JONAS STALAS late of 45 Ingleby Place, Lidget Green, Bradford, West Yorkshire died at Bradford on 26 September 1991
(Estate about £12,000)
WATTERS, ANNIE CATHERINE WATTERS otherwise ANNIE WATTERS otherwise ANNIE WATTERS otherwise ANNIE WATTERS late of White Lodge, 15 Boscombe Spa Road, Bournemouth, Dorset died at Bournemouth on 6 October 1991
(Estate about £5,500)
The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
MACRAE, MARY MACRAE late of 1 St Richards House, 41 Pevensey Road, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex died at St Leonards-on-Sea on 3 May 1992
(Estate about £25,000)
The husband and kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.
MR. JONATHAN HIDE Formerly of 25 Park Road, Cheam, Surrey, ENGLAND. Anyone who has information on the whereabouts of the above mentioned please contact: Ms. Miller 1/305/266/79799, PO Box 660855, Miami, FL 33166 or Rumper-ext 647/8972, Trinidad W.I.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
The 164th Annual General Meeting of the Society for 1992 will be held in the Churchill Auditorium of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE, from 10.30am to 1pm on Saturday, 26th June 1993 to receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1992 and any approved motion, notice of which shall have been sent to the Director General at the Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1HG, not later than Friday, 4th June 1993. Applications for admission cards by members should be made to the Director General, RSPCA, Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1HG

Room for profit at the Savoy

The Savoy Hotel Plc, the 104-year-old British hotelier, expects to return to profit this year after losing £1.4 million last year, but foresees difficult conditions for the luxury hotel business.

Sir Anthony Tuke, the non-executive chairman, said a fall in first-class air travellers and expensive banquets brought on by the recession would continue to hurt the Savoy and the group's other hotels.

The group had no plans to discount room rates, he said. Rates at the Savoy range from £175 per person to £500 for a suite.

Lynx turnround

Lynx Holdings, the leisure-to-computer-services group, yesterday unveiled a turnround from losses to profits of £105,000 in the six months to end-March (£258,000 loss).

There was no exceptional charge, against a £131,000 exceptional debit in the same period last year. Earnings per share of 0.83p (1.68p loss) mean the interim dividend rises from 0.25p to 0.3p. Lynx says it is still looking for acquisitions.

Drug sales up

Sales of prescription drugs in Europe's top seven markets grew by an underlying 2.1 per cent in the first quarter of this year, IMS International, the specialist pharmaceuticals market research company, said. In dollar terms, the market in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands fell over the period, from $11.92 billion last year to $11.17 billion.

German sales plunged by an underlying 13.4 per cent, hit by tough new healthcare spending curbs that came into effect on January 1, leaving France as Europe's biggest pharmaceuticals market.

STOCK MARKET

Turbulent day for BA as cash call fears mount

TALK in the Square Mile was again dominated by market speculation of possible cash calls accompanying today's figures from **British Airways** and **Allied-Lyons**.

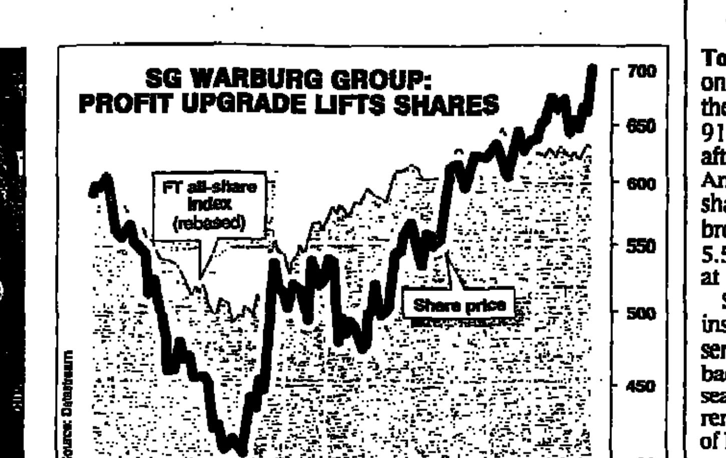
British Airways were on offer, dropping 6½p to 297p, on a heavy volume of 7.3 million shares, with fears that today's final results will include a £450 million to £600 million cash call to help bolster the balance sheet and fund expansion plans. Analysts think any rights would probably be priced between 250p and 260p, with some talking of a one-for-four at 255p, or a one-for-five at 250p. Mark McVicar, at NatWest Securities, expects BA to report a fall in final pre-tax profits to £195 million (£258 million), depressed by a fourth quarter loss of about £68 million. The market will be looking for some comfort from Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chairman, hoping for confirmation that things are not getting worse.

On the likelihood of a BA rights, Mr McVicar said: "They don't need one for the underlying business, but recent strategic investments [Qantas and USAir] have depleted shareholders' funds and indirectly increased group debt, making it a possibility."

Allied-Lyons, where market talk suggests a £200 million preference issue, fell 2p to 543p. Meanwhile, market sentiment was initially dampened as dealers wait for the Danish referendum result and suggestions that the Bank of England will rule out a "political" cut in interest rates. But prices were squeezed higher despite investors' reluctance to take up new positions before a deluge of domestic economic figures due this week, including data on the PSBR, unemployment and inflation, and the Bundesbank's deliberations. Dealers were also hopeful that today's CBI distributive trades survey will show further signs of recovery.



Scholey: shares jump



An uncertain start on Wall Street did little to bolster sentiment in London, and it was again left to futures to provide direction for the cash market. The FT-SE 100 index ended above the 2,850 level, closing up 11.1 at 2,858.1. Volume reached only 533.7 million shares.

SG Warburg Group, the merchant bank and brokerage house chaired by Sir David Scholey, advanced 28p to 701p in thin conditions, with little stock about, after Credit Lyonnais Laing substanitally upgraded its profit forecasts. CLL has raised its pre-tax profit forecast for the year to end-March 1994 from £182 million to £267 million, with the year to end-March 1993, just ended, upgraded from £131.2 million to £154.6 million (£166.3 million). CLL is maintaining its "buy" recommendation. Warburg is a dominant player in London's mergers and acquisitions business, which is expected to increase over the next 18 months. News that BT plans to move into the home entertainment market by selling dishes to receive BSkyB broadcasts helped push the communications giant's shares up 3p to 417½p. **Pearson**, which has a major stake in BSkyB, gained 3p to 451p, while **Granada**, another substantial investor, firmed 1p to 408p. **News International**, with its 50 per cent stake in the business, was unchanged at *225p*. **Amstrad**, a major producer of satellite dishes, dipped 1p to 32p amid fears of competition from BT.

Anticipation of a return to profits and takeover talk gave a kick to **Tottenham Hotspur**, with its shares jumping 14p to 103p.

There was selective interest for pharmaceutical shares, with **Glaxo Holdings** adding 14p to 645p, **SmithKline Beecham**, 15p to 481p and **Wellcome**, 16p to 755p.

United Biscuits, the subject of recent bid speculation, added 7p to 421p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

The City's appetite for new issues was again illustrated after a sparkling debut by Division Group, which makes virtual reality software and hardware for professional users. Some 15.4 million shares were placed at 40p by Henry Cooke Lumsden with institutional and private investors. The shares rocketed to 108p before closing at 96p on turnover of 10 million.

WORLD MARKETS

Technical rebound ends Tokyo losing run

Tokyo — Shares ended higher on a technical rebound, with the Nikkei average rising 91.36 points to 20,565.51 after falling four days in a row. An estimated 330 million shares were traded. The broader Topix index ended up 5.54 points, or 0.35 per cent, at 1,611.25.

Steady public pension and insurance fund buying helped sentiment but investors hung back as the earnings results season geared up and trade remained modest. Ysuo Ueki, of Nikko Securities, said: "The market rose on purely technical factors with no fresh incentives. Many blue-chip companies are expected to release their earnings figures soon, and people prefer to see them before they buy."

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index jumped 118.83 points to a record close of 7,124.12, bettering the previous record of 7,108.76 last Thursday. Brokers said overseas institutions snapped up blue chips on growing optimism about the resumption of meetings of the Sino-British joint liaison group charged with supervising Hong Kong's handover to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. There is also optimism over a third round of Sino-British talks due on Friday.

☐ **Singapore** — Profit-taking in index stocks left the Straits Times industrial index 17.12 points lower at 1,846.27 after an 80-point surge last week.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended at their session lows after an uninspired day's trading. The Dax index closed down 6.63 points at 1,627.88.

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Inflation fear keeps Dow on defensive

New York — Fears over the fate of interest rates kept shares on Wall Street lower at midday, despite strength in drug and cable issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average, reflecting worry over inflation after last week's figures, was down 4.71 points at 3,438.3. Declining shares led advancing issues ten to seven. The long bond was up 1/16 to yield 6.94 per cent.

Alfred Goldman, of AG Edwards and Sons, said: "I think we are still in a correction phase. People who had a highly optimistic opinion that interest rates would go down to zero are having second thoughts." Drug issues did well after a newspaper report that the Clinton administration was considering forming a price review board rather than curbing drug prices. Cable shares also did better.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares slipped at the close as the shine came off gold stocks and investors reacted to weak overseas markets and lower commodity prices. The all-ordinaries index closed 11.6 points down at 1,686.9. "Gold was leading the market last week but it came off a bit today and commodity prices have been weaker overseas," a broker said.

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WALL STREET

	May 17 midday	May 14 close
AMP Inc	61	62
AMR Corp	69	71
Abbott Labs	28	27
Aetna Life	53	53
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	42	42
Albertson's	56	56
Alcan Alumnm	18	18
Alco Standard	47	47
Allied Signal	64	64
Alum Co of Am	66	65
Amax	17	17
Amerada Hess	53	52
Amer Brands	31	30
Amer Cyanamid	51	51
Amer El Power	33	34
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	29	29
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	125	126
Amer Stores	41	41
Amer T & T	54	54
Ameritech	71	72
Amoco	55	56
Anheuser-Busch	51	50
Apple Computer	55	55
Archer Daniels	23	23
Arkla	9	9
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	31	31
Asarco	18	18
Ashland Oil	25	25
Atl Richfield	120	119
Auto Data Pro	48	48
Avery Dennison	29	29
Avon Products	54	54
Baker Hughes	25	25
Baltim Gas & El	24	24
Banc One	50	51
BankAmerica	45	45
Bank of NY	51	52
Bankers Tr NY	69	69
Barnett Banks	41	41
Bausch & Lomb	51	52
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becton Dickinsn	35	35
Bell Atlantic	51	52
BellSouth	51	51
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	32	32
Boeing	40	39
Boise Cascade	26	27
Borden Inc	21	21
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	59
Browning Ferris	25	25
Burlington Nthn	55	54
CBS	233	233
CNA Financial	90	92
CPC Intl	43	43
CSX	71	71
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	16	16
Cpd Cities ABC	517	517
Cpd Holdings	35	35
Carolina Pwr	31	31
Caterpillar	69	69
Central & SW	30	30
Champion Intl	32	33
Chase Manhat	28	29
Chemical Bk	35	36
Chevron Corp	85	85
Chrysler	42	41
Chubb Corp	84	86
Cigna Corp	60	60
Citicorp	26	26
Clorox	49	49
Coastal Corp	26	26
Coca Cola	39	39
Colgate-Palmolive	58	59
Columbia Gas	21	21
Commonw Ed	26	26
Compaq Comp	52	51
Comp Ass Intl	27	26
Conagra	25	25
Cons Edison	33	33
Cons Nat Gas	51	51
Cons Rail	51	51
Cooper Inds	47	47
Corning Inc	34	34
Crown Cork	36	36
Dana Corp	49	49
Dayton Hudson	71	72
Deere	56	56
Delta Air Lines	58	59
Deluxe Corp	46	46
Detroit Edison	33	33
Digital Equip	46	46
Dillard Dept St	39	39
Disney (Walt)	39	39
Dominion Res	43	43
Donelley (RR)	27	27
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	54	53
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	37	37
Dun & Brdstreet	59	59
Du Pont	51	51
Eastman Kodak	51	51
Eaton Corp	84	85
Emerson Elec	58	58
Engelhard Corp	32	32
Enron Corp	58	58
Entergy Corp	33	33
Ethyl Corp	28	29
Exxon	63	63
FMC Corp	44	43
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	49	50
Fed Nat Mtge	75	76
First Chicago	37	37
First Interstate	54	54
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	30	29
Fluor Corp	38	39
Ford Motor	54	53
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	51	51
Gap Inc Del	35	35
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	99	95
Gen Electric	93	93
Gen Mills	64	64
Gen Motors	39	39
Gen Reinsurance	109	111
Gen Signal	61	62
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	63	63
Gillette	51	52
Glaxo ADR	20	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	45
Goodyear Tire	38	39
Grace (W&R)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28	28
Great Wstn Fin	15	16
Halliburton	39	40
Heinz (HJ)	37	37
Hercules	72	73
Hershey Foods	51	52
Hewlett Packard	79	78
Hilton Hotels	44	44
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	35	35
Household Intl	66	66
Houston Inds	44	43
Humana	10	10
ITT Corp	81	81
Illinois Tool	71	71
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	33
Inland Steel	25	25
Intel Corp	98	97
IBM	47	47
Intl Flav & Fr	114	113
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	43	43
K Mart	22	23
Kellogg	57	57
Kerr-McGee	51	52
Kimberly-Clark	48	48
Knight-Ridder	55	56
Lilly (Eli)	50	50
Limited Inc	22	23
LIN Brdcstng	87	88
Lincoln Nat	79	79
Litton	59	60
Liz Claiborne	34	34
Lockheed Corp	62	63
Louisiana Pac	61	61
MCI Commun	49	48
Marriott	25	25
Marsh & McLnn	88	89
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	74	73
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	40	40
McDonalds	47	48
McDonnell D	64	62
McGraw Hill	59	59
Mead Corp	44	44
Medtronic	68	68
Mellon Bk	52	52
Melville Corp	45	46
Merck Inc	38	37
Merrill Lynch	68	67
Minnesota Mine	112	113
Mobil Corp	69	69
Monsanto	54	54
Morgan (JP)	65	65
Motorola Inc	75	74
Natl Medical	8	8
Natl Semi	14	14
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	50	50
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	72	73
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	28	27
Norfolk Sthrn	61	61
Nthn State Pwr	43	44
Norwest Corp	48	48
Nynex Corp	81	82
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	23	24
Oracle Systems	39	39
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	39	39
PNC Financial	29	30
PPG Industries	72	73
Paccar Inc	57	57
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	22	22
Pac Gas & Elect	32	32
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	22
Paramnt Comm	50	49
Parker Hannifin	30	30
Penney (JC)	45	45
Pennzoil	64	64
Pepsico	36	37
Pfizer	71	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	45	45
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	50	50
Phillips Pet	29	29
Pitney Bowes	42	41
Polaroid	34	34
Price Co	29	28
Primerica	43	44
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	33	33
Quaker Oats	70	69
Ralston Purina	47	47
Raychem Corp	43	43
Raytheon	59	[illegible]
Reebok Intl	37	38
Reynolds Metals	44	43
Roadway Srvcs	53	54
Rockwell Intl	37	37
Rohm & Haas	53	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	90	90
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	56	56
St Paul's Cos	81	[illegible]
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	16
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	49	47
Schering Plough	66	65
Schlumberger	66	67
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	52	52
Shell Trans	56	[illegible]
Sherwin Wilms	31	[illegible]
Skyline Corp	17	17
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	40	40
Sthwestern Bell	74	75
Sprint Corp	30	30
Stanley Works	45	[illegible]
Sun Company	25	25
Suntrust	42	42
Supervalu	33	33
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	65	65
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	29	29
Telecom Corp	2	[illegible]
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	47	[illegible]
Tenneco	49	49
Texaco	63	63
Texas Inst	61	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	45	45
Textron	48	[illegible]
Time Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Times-Mirror	[illegible]	[illegible]
Timken	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torchmark	51	[illegible]
Toys R Us	[illegible]	[illegible]
Transamerica	48	[illegible]
Travelers Corp	27	[illegible]
Tribune	57	[illegible]
Tyco Labs	39	[illegible]
UAL Corp	138	[illegible]
UST Inc	28	[illegible]
USX Marathon	19	[illegible]
Unilever NV	105	[illegible]
Union Camp	45	[illegible]
Union Carbide	18	[illegible]
Union Pacific	61	[illegible]
Unisys Corp	11	[illegible]
USAIR Group	21	[illegible]
USF&G Corp	16	[illegible]
US Life	37	[illegible]
US West	41	[illegible]
United Tech	51	[illegible]
Unocal Corp	30	[illegible]
Upjohn	29	[illegible]
VF Corp	47	[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	27	[illegible]
Warner-Lambert	73	[illegible]
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	101	[illegible]
Westinghouse El	15	[illegible]
Weyerhaeuser	42	[illegible]
Whirlpool	57	[illegible]
Whitman	17	[illegible]
Winn Dixie	54	[illegible]
Woolworth	28	[illegible]
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32	[illegible]
Xerox	72	[illegible]

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT stocks saw some recovery, especially among longer-dated securities. But conditions were quiet and prices drifted before a deluge of domestic economic data this week, from PSBR to unemployment and RPI figures, and the Danish referendum result.

More important, the gilt market eagerly awaits precise details from the Bank of England this afternoon, including when-issued trading, on the latest gilt auction. The market anticipates stock with a 10 to 15-year maturity, with the likely size of the auction expected to be about the £3 billion level, or slightly over.

Meanwhile, the gilt future added seven ticks to £103 21/32, on a quiet volume of 22,000 contracts traded. Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 dipped one tick to £109 11/32, while Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added four ticks to £103 24/32 at the longer end.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12% 1993	101	-	12.36	5.72
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.86
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104	-	13.22	5.70
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.34	5.77
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	-	13.60	5.81
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	-	12.61	5.82
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	-	9.60	6.00
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	-	11.60	6.13
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	-	8.65	6.19
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	-	11.01	6.31
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.13	5.38
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	-	9.52	6.45
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	-	11.18	6.56
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.94	6.84
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	121	-	12.52	6.97
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116	-	11.35	6.97
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	-	9.16	6.99
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-	11.12	7.22
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	110	-	9.47	7.16
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	-	8.28	7.16
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.71	7.45
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	-	8.92	7.34
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.22	7.13
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	-	6.86	7.12
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	133	-	11.58	7.67
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118	-	10.11	7.75
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	-	8.74	7.53
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	-	10.18	7.83
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113	+	9.27	7.70
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112	-	9.10	7.73
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.42	7.67
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	-	10.30	8.10
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	8.99	8.02
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	-	11.17	7.79
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.85	8.16
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99	-	8.06	8.10
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	-	8.95	8.28
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	-	9.73	8.29
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	69	-	5.00	7.53
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	107	-	8.81	8.42
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	107	+	8.81	8.43
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126	-	9.89	8.62
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.24	8.39
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	-	9.75	8.58
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	+	8.49	8.48
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	-	10.09	8.63
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	+	8.64	8.50
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	95	-	8.38	8.54
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	103	+	8.68	8.59
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	...	8.68	8.59
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.50	8.28
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92	+	8.40	8.54
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	-	9.23	8.81
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	...	8.65	8.63
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	45	-	8.71	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.66	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	61	-	5.67	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	29	-	8.37	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	...	8.60	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	-	...	1.06
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	2.02	2.75
109	105	Treas IL 4½% 1998	107	-	2.48	3.03
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	163	...	2.93	3.26
165	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160	...	3.03	3.30
111	105	Treas IL 4¼% 2004	109	...	3.16	3.43
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	...	3.14	3.35
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	...	3.33	3.51
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.40	3.57
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+	3.47	3.62
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.53	3.68
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.58	3.71
111	103	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.61	3.73
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+	3.62	3.75

RECENT ISSUES

Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	32	...
David Brown (170)	225	...
Division Group (40)	96	...
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	1	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	145	...
Irish Continental	160	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	40	...
Pilkington Warrants	32½	- ½
Regent Inns (135)	150	+1
Stagecoach (112)	123	...
Westminster Hlthcr (260)	295	+1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Atlas Cnvrtg Eqp n/p (550)	106	...
Avesco n/p (63)	25	...
Meyer Intl n/p (290)	82	+6
Newmark (Louis) n/p (60)	4	...
Severfield Reeve n/p (32)	8	...
Sycamore n/p (5)	¼	...
UK Safety n/p (47)	8	...
United Drug n/p (171)	12	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Lloyds	545p (+11p)
SG Warburg	701p (+28p)
SA Breweries	783p (+30p)
Wellcome	755p (+16p)
Compass Group	525p (+19p)
Tottenham Hotspur	103p (+14p)
Diploma	484p (+14p)
Glaxo	655p (+14p)
Candover	260p (+10p)
Sothebys	863p (+13p)
Acatos & Hutch	235p (+10p)
Smithkline	481p (+15p)
Northern Foods	270p (+10p)
Whitbread 'B'	893p (+18p)

FALLS:

Euro Disney	803p (-22p)
Br Bio-Tech	405p (-10p)
Transfer Tech	516p (-9p)
Commercial Union	577p (-9p)
Broken Hill	633p (-9p)
Danka Bs Sys	720p (-13p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	9,800	Carlton C	539	Land Secs	807	Scot Hydro	485
Abbey Natl	5,100	Coats Vyla	241	Legal & Gn	220	Scot & New	225
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Cm Union	348	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot Power	2,300
Anglian W	1,400	Courtaulds	517	MB Cardn	485	Sears	2,100
Argyll Gp	2,100	De La Rue	149	Marks Spr	4,100	Svrn Trent	2,000
Arjo Wig	1,300	Eng China	1,600	NFC	214	Shell Trans	3,400
AB Foods	101	Enterpr Oil	294	NatWst Bk	5,800	Siebe	376
BAA	642	Fisons	1,800	Nat Power	1,500	SmKl Bch	1,500
BAT Inds	1,200	Forte	2,400	Nth Wst W	732	Smith Nph	975
BOC	882	GRE	1,000	Nthrn Fds	1,800	Sthrn Elec	223
BP	3,300	GUS A	235	P & O	626	Std Chartd	274
BT	6,100	Gen Acc	475	Pearson	547	Sun Allnce	1,100
BTR	3,900	Gen Elec	12,000	PowerGen	3,700	TI Gp	1,200
Bk of Scot	1,700	Glaxo	3,600	Prudential	744	TSB	1,700
Barclays	2,500	Granada	962	RTZ	1,500	Tate & Lyle	773
Bass	506	Grand Met	1,700	Rank Org	1,100	Tesco	2,200
Blue Circle	1,200	Guinness	290	Reckitt Col	381	Thames W	1,000
Boots	1,300	HSBC	1,700	Redland	2,100	Thrn EMI	334
Bowater	1,800	Hanson	6,600	Reed Intl	565	Tomkins	3,100
Brit Airwys	7,300	ICI	700	Rentokil	497	Unilever	1,200
Brit Gas	3,200	Inchcape	793	Reuters	357	Utd Bisc	1,200
Brit Steel	3,400	Kingfisher	1,400	Rothmans	169	Vodafone	1,700
Burmah C	296	Kwik Save	65	Ryl Ins	912	Wellcome	1,000
Cable Wire	532	LASMO	2,500	Ryl Bk Scot	3,300	Whitbd 'A'	2,600
Cadbury	535	Ladbroke	6,600	Sainsbury	2,400	Wlms Hld	916

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3438.30 (-4.71)
S&P Composite .... 439.01 (-0.55)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20565.51 (+91.36)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7124.12 (+118.83)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 106.5 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO .... 1686.9 (-11.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1627.88 (-6.63)

FT 30 share: .... 2225.1 (+6.5)

Brussels:
General .... 6114.59 (+13.40)

Paris: CAC .... 507.80 (-4.97)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 491.50 (+2.70)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1407.06 (+4.48)
FT 500 .... 1534.54 (+5.10)
FT Gold Mines .... 168.8 (+3.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.87 (-0.05)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.63 (-0.05)
Bargains 30271
SEAQ Volume 533.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 134.62 (-2.44)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Calls 17/5/93: Blacks Leis, Cannon St, Cliff, Chloride, Division, Enterprise, FNFC, Hanson Wts, Helene, Jones & Shpmn, Kunick, Marshalls, Markheath, Millwall, Monarch, Micro Focus, Ozory, Tadpole, Tibbet Brit, Tullow. **Puts:** Amstrad, Division, Helene, Micro Focus, Tibbet Brit. **Puts & Calls:** Greycoat, Simon Eng, ZCI.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2854.0	2870.0	2846.0	2869.0	5620
Previous open interest: 49872	Sep 93	2873.0	2890.0	2872.0	2892.0	372
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.89	93.94	93.89	93.91	12022
Previous open interest: 304176	Sep 93	93.90	93.94	93.86	93.88	25496
	Dec 93	93.79	93.85	93.79	93.82	6122
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.71	96.71	96.70	96.71	385
Previous open interest: 17008	Sep 93	96.57	96.58	96.57	96.58	452
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.88	92.88	92.83	92.85	15528
Previous open interest: 561434	Sep 93	93.67	93.68	93.62	93.67	25641
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-20	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-12	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	103-07	103-28	103-07	103-21	27689
Previous open interest: 79324	Sep 93	102-20	102-25	102-18	102-23	93
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.66	107.72	107.60	107.62	593
	Sep 93	106.84	106.87	106.74	106.77	1581
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.69	94.78	94.54	94.71	51129
Previous open interest: 166102	Sep 93	94.98	94.99	94.81	94.95	2729
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.31	92.35	92.30	92.35	1326
Previous open interest: 23344	Sep 93	92.98	93.05	92.96	93.05	389
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.05	95.07	94.98	95.00	3718
Previous open interest: 36167	Sep 93	95.54	95.54	95.42	95.43	4707
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	98.40	98.78	98.29	98.75	12313
Previous open interest: 40104	Sep 93	98.20	98.51	98.09	98.51	486

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.0 (day's range 80.0-80.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7701-2.7791	2.7701-2.7735	¼-⅛ds	[illegible]
Brussels	50.78-50.93	50.78-50.86	2-7ds	11-16ds
Copenhagen	9.4350-9.5210	9.4350-9.4580	1⅞-3⅜ds	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0105-1.0160	1.0108-1.0126	13-19ds	[illegible]
Frankfurt	2.4717-2.4790	2.4757-2.4790	¼-⅜ds	[illegible]
Lisbon	235.90-241.30	237.20-239.00	165-191ds	468-534ds
Madrid	187.80-191.00	189.30-191.00	109-128ds	283-341ds
Milan	2258.30-2277.91	2262.00-2268.80	7-10ds	25-28ds
Montreal	1.9553-1.9696	1.9553-1.9574	0.30-0.17pr	0.44-0.25pr
New York	1.5330-1.5430	1.5330-1.5340	0.42-0.40pr	1.14-1.11pr
Oslo	10.4830-10.5140	10.4880-10.5110	⅞-2⅛ds	[illegible]
Paris	8.3300-8.3760	8.3020-8.3760	1¼-1⅝ds	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.1420-11.2920	11.2640-11.2880	2¼-3⅝ds	[illegible]
Tokyo	170.50-171.23	170.50-170.69	½-⅜pr	[illegible]
Vienna	17.36-17.43	17.36-17.40	1⅞-2⅝ds	[illegible]
Zurich	2.2340-2.2553	2.2522-2.2553	¼-⅛pr	[illegible]

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5372-1.5398
Australia dollar	2.1907-2.1937
Bahrain dinar	0.5755-0.5875
Brazil cruzeiro*	56774.3-56811.5
Cyprus pound	0.734-0.744
Finland marka	8.472-8.588
Greece drachma	333.5-340.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.8900-11.8993
India rupee	47.88-48.84
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4595-0.4695
Malaysia ringgit	3.9500-3.9542
Mexico peso	4.77-4.87
New Zealand dollar	2.8300-2.8345
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.722-5.848
Singapore dollar	2.4836-2.4860
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1831-7.2340
S Africa rand (com)	4.8753-4.8831
U A E dirham	5.603-5.727

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4228-1.42[illegible]
Austria	11.30-11.[illegible]
Belgium (Com)	33.07-33.[illegible]
Canada	1.2755-1.27[illegible]
Denmark	6.1747-6.1[illegible]
France	5.4190-5.4[illegible]
Germany	1.6075-1.60[illegible]
Hong Kong	7.7293-7.7[illegible]
Ireland	1.5143-1.51[illegible]
Italy	1471.25-147[illegible]
Japan	111.10-111.[illegible]
Malaysia	2.5678-2.56[illegible]
Netherlands	1.8038-1.80[illegible]
Norway	6.8190-6.8[illegible]
Portugal	154.78-155.[illegible]
Singapore	1.6145-1.61[illegible]
Spain	122.70-122.[illegible]
Sweden	7.3070-7.3[illegible]
Switzerland	1.4555-1.45[illegible]

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 3 Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5⅞				
Interbank:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6¼
Overnight: open 6¼, close 3.		6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6¼
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	6-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.05-3.02	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.20-3.17	3.53-3.50
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6	6⅛-6

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993, Schemes II & III: 7.36%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993, Scheme IV & V: 6.016%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅝-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	[illegible]
French Franc:	8⅛-8	8-7¾	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	4⅞-4¾	[illegible]
Yen:	3¼-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $368.90-369.40 Close: $368.30-368.80 High: $369.30-369.80 Low: $367.00-367.50 **Krugerrand:** $367.00-370.00 (£239.00-241.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.50-90.50 (£54.50-56.50) New $87.50-90.50 (£54.50-56.50)
Platinum: $[illegible] Silver: $[illegible] Palladium: $[illegible]

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	49	58	65	11	18	25
(*544½)	550	16	32	38	36	42	48
Argyll	300	21	28	33	10	17	22
(*312½)	330	7	15	21	30	34	39
ASDA	57	11	14	-	3	4	-
(*64½)	67	5	8½	-	6	8½	-
Boots	420	45	55	61	6½	13	13
(*455½)	460	17	34	39	23	30	35
Br Airways	300	15	25	31	16	22	28
(*297½)	330	5	14	19	38	42	46
BP	300	28	34	40	2	14	17
(*317)	330	12	19	25	22	28	33
Br Steel	90	11	14½	17	5	8	9½
(*97½)	100	6	9½	13	11	13	15
C & W	700	39½	55½	70	27	35	43½
(*720½)	750	17	34	46½	55	64	70½
CU	550	25	34	-	23	35	-
(*577)	600	8½	17	-	55	67	-
Courtauld	500	53	64	72	8½	17	24
(*545½)	550	20	35	45	31	39	46
ICI	1250	64	84	108	40½	73½	86½
(*1257½)	1300	40	59	84½	73	107	113
Kingfshr	584	54	48	-	15	25	-
(*610)	632	13	27	-	47	55	-
Land Sec	500	47	47	52	6½	12	16
(*547½)	550	10	22	28	32	41	43
M & S	330	27	36	42	6½	11	15
(*355)	360	10	19	26	21	25	29
Nat West	460	37	41	52	14	24	29
(*471½)	500	14	27	35	35	45	50
Sainsbury	420	41	52	60	9	15	19
(*459)	460	17	30	38	28	34	40
Shell	600	30	40	48	15	24	27
(*600½)	650	8½	17	25	44	54	57
Smkl Bch	460	30	32	62	17	27	35
(*450½)	500	10	22	33	42	45	55
Storehse	200	19	26	31	9	15	17
(*207½)	220	9	17	23	21	25	30
Trafalgar	90	10½	14	-	6	9	-
(*96)	101	6	10	-	11	14	-
Unilever	1050	46	75	88	25	35	46
(*1055)	1100	22	45	59	57	67	73

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	25	44	57	10	17	25
(*416)	420	17	28	36	24	31	40
Ladbroke	160	24	31	34	6	13	17
(*177)	180	12	20	24	15	23	28
Utd Bisc	390	43	54	61	12	18	26
(*421)	420	30	39	45	26	32	39

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	40	58	72	1	15	21
(*740½)	750	5	27	45	8½	34	45
BAT Ind	850	22	57	72	3	29	49
(*869)	900	1	32	46	37	54	77
BTR	550	35	52	59	1	7½	15
(*580½)	600	1½	18	30	15	28	40
Br Aero	300	17	37	51	2	24	35
(*315½)	330	2	26	39	14	40	53
Br Telcm	390	26	38	43	1	6½	15
(*517½)	420	4	18½	26	7	18	29
Cadbury	420	35	45	59	1	6½	14
(*455½)	460	3	25	34	8	22	30
Guinness	460	21	35	50	2	15	25
(*477½)	500	1	15	29	25	26	45
GEC	300	19	24	30	1	9	11½
(*317)	330	1	8	15	15	27	31
Hanson	240	4½	11½	18	2	10	15½
(*243)	260	1	5½	10	19	24	28
LASMO	140	15	24	30	1½	5	12
(*154)	160	2	14	21	5	15	22
Lucas	130	10	19	23	1	7½	13
(*138)	140	2	13	19	4	12	20
Pilkngtn	120	10	15	19	1	6½	9½
(*129)	130	2	9½	14	4	11	10
Prudential	300	21	29	35	1	6½	10
(*318)	330	1	15	19	12	20	25
Redland	500	43	55	65	16	31	36
(*517½)	550	15	31	41	43	59	65
Royal Ins	300	22	30	37	12	18	22
(*304)	330	9	16	23	30	35	39
Tesco	200	20	26	32	1	5	6
(*219)	220	2½	14	21	4	13	18
Thames W	460	37	42	46	1	10	15
(*495)	500	3	15	24	7	31	37
Vodafone	390	29	40	54	1	12	19
(*415½)	420	4	24	37	8	25	33
Williams	300	37	44	49	5½	13	15
(*330)	330	15	26	33	16	25	25

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abbey Nat	390	27	27	46	5	15	21
(*400½)	420	9½	20	30	18	20	35
Amstrad	30	3½	6	7	2	3½	4½
(*32)	35	1½	3½	5	4½	6½	7
Barclays	420	26	35	49	6	15	25
(*439½)	460	6	15	24	27	36	46
Blue Circ	240	23	32	3½	4	12	15
(*259½)	260	10	22	29	12	21	25
Br Gas	280	17	2[illegible]	29	[illegible]	[illegible]	13
(*293½)	300	5½	14	19½	[illegible]	[illegible]	27
	330	1½	3	4	34	40	44
Dixons	200	20	26	34	4½	13	17
(*216½)	220	5	16	25	13	24	30
Forte	150	16	21	29	4	10	14
(*158½)	200	5½	12	19	14	20	25
Glaxo	550	115	130	134	2	10	22
(*654)	600	70	55	110	6½	22	35
	650	30	62	72	25	44	65
HSBC	600	25	59	76	16	35	45
(*615½)	650	12	36	53	45	62	74
Hillsdwn	140	15	25	29	2½	6½	11
(*155)	160	5½	13	15	16½	16	20
Lonrho	110	9½	17	19	5	7½	15
(*113)	120	5	10½	15	10½	17	21
Reuters	1250	54	97	130	25	52	70
(*1271½)	1300	27	68	106	48	79	95
R-Royce	140	12	18	23	6	10½	17
(*147)	160	3½	9½	12	18½	27	25
Sears	100	6	10½	14	4	6	9
(*102)	110	2	5½	9½	10½	13	16
Tarmac	130	13	19	23	3½	9	13
(*139½)	140	7	14	13	8	13	19
Thrn Emi	900	49	64	76	6½	29	37
(*924½)	950	15	33	50	26	57	65
Tomkins	220	10	15	23	7	14	17
(*226)	240	3	8	14	19	27	30
TSB	180	10	17	21	8	11	16
(*165)	200	3½	7½	12	21	24	27
Wellcome	700	91	91	105	16	31	38
(*754½)	750	30	62	82	24	37	70

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	22	30	34	4	15	15
(*171½)	180	12	20	24	19	25	30

Series		Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastn Elc	420	35	44	49	1	12	18
(*449½)	460	2½	18	26	6	32	35

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	300	27	36	44	2	7½	12
(*323½)	330	7½	18	27	13	19	21
Scot Pwr	290	20	26	29	2	10	13

FT-SE INDEX (*2855)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	161	108	62	21	5	1½
Jun	172	127	88	55	29	15
Jul	188	146	111	79	53	31
Aug	204	171	135	106	77	58
Dec	272	-	202	-	149	-
Puts						
May	1½	2	3½	15	49	97
Jun	9	14	23	40	67	103
Jul	18	25	39	58	77	117
Aug	30	42	55	77	104	131

May 17, 1993 Tot: 23254 Calls: 14010 Puts: 9244 FT-SE Calls: 1208 Puts: 2043

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Gold fixed at a new 17 month high on the London Bullion market yesterday afternoon, with good US fund buying still providing considerable support. Low global interest rates have reduced the cost of holding the precious metals, and investors are diversifying from stock and bond portfolios into the complex. The OECD inflationary cycle has probably also seen a low, encouraging a very bullish outlook.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	640-641	Jul	755-753
Jul	665-666	Sep	769-767
Sep	684-683	Dec	791-789
Dec	705-704	Mar	813-812
Mar	727-726		
May	741-740		Volume: 2915

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	857-854	Jan	905-903
Jul	892-891	Mar	913-909
Sep	889-887	May	923-914
Nov	897-896		Volume: 1100

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	302.0-97.1
Spot 310.0		May	304.0-98.7
Aug	310.0-06.0	Aug	305.4-02.2
Oct	305.0-01.0	Oct	302.4-03.2
Dec	302.0-95.1		Volume: 310

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	92.31	134.47	140.40
(+/-)	+1.85	-1.27	+1.28
Eng/Wales	92.35	134.22	140.27
(+/-)	+1.96	-1.30	+1.41
(%)	-10.1	-15.7	-34.1
Scotland	91.08	143.06	141.25
(+/-)	-0.25	-0.86	-0.10
(%)	-18.8	-7.7	-23.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (¢/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	unq	unq	Aug	100.0	100.0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	142.75
Jun	141.50
Sep	109.05
Nov	110.00
Jan	112.95
Volume: 131	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	137.00
Sep	106.40
Nov	109.40
Jan	111.75
Mar	113.75
Volume: 0	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	143.00
Aug	141.90
Oct	145.30
Dec	148.30
Feb	unq
Volume: 0	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	55.0
Apr	98.0	96.5
May	unq	100.0
		Volume: 40

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kt)
Jun 57.00-57.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The overhang of wet May barrels nudged prices lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.45	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.45	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	19.45	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.80	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	212 (n/c)	213 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	172 (n/c)	173 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	172 (+1)	172 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jul	172 (n/c)	173 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	70 (n/c)	72 (n/c)
Naphtha	183 (n/c)	184 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jun	170.25-70.50	Sep	174.25-74.50
Jul	170.50-70.75	Oct	177.25-77.50
Aug	172.25-72.75	Nov	179.50-79.75
			Vol: 9760

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.42-18.43	Oct	18.67-18.73
Aug	18.52-18.54	Nov	n/a
Sep	18.63-18.65		Vol: 14249

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jun	200.00-00.50	Sep	n/a
Jul	200.00-01.00	Oct	n/a
Aug	n/a		Vol: 138

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

May 93	High: 1631	Low: 1620	Close: 1630
Jun 93	1540	1501	1535
Jul 93	1384	1370	1375
Oct 93	1446	1436	1439

Vol: 246 lots Open int'st: 3037 Index 1597 +12

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1139.0-1140.0	1159.0-1159.5	197210
Lead (£/tonne)	259.00-259.50	267.50-268.00	81725
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	959.50-960.00	970.50-980.00	554325
Tin ($/tonne)	5490.0-5495.0	5550.0-5555.0	8490
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1126.5-1127.0	1148.5-1149.0	949025
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From the gutter up, Russia privatises out of chaos

Reporting from Moscow, **Ross Tieman** discovers Volvos and Mercedes on the streets of a city where the average worker's wage is only £7 a month



Market economy: a southern trader sells his produce to those Muscovites who can afford his prices

In a long, long row they stand, eyes importuning: a loaf, two cucumbers, or a pair of shoes thrust towards passers-by. The vendors at this impromptu market behind Moscow's Kiev railway station are dowdy, their customers pasty-faced. But when a man produces sausage from a bag there is a flurry. Clamouring women surround him, fistfuls of debased roubles change hands.

On a bridge over the Moskva river a man sits in the centre of the road astride a small stool at the wing of a broken-down car. He calmly wields a spanner as battered vehicles roar by.

Images of a city, and of a state, sliding fast from the second world into the third. In the first eight months of last year, industrial output here is reckoned to have fallen by 30 per cent.

Yet privatisation is proceeding. PlanEcon, the US think tank, reports that more than 46,000 enterprises have been sold and by the end of the year the majority of small firms are likely to be private. The economy was heavily skewed toward arms production. Many food and consumer-goods plants are abysmally old-fashioned. But adjustments are taking place.

The Lutch factory in the former closed city of Podolsk, on the outskirts of Moscow, was one of the first in Russia to become a joint stock company and be privatised. Lutch used to make nuclear power plants for satellites and the space programme. Despite the ramshackle appearance, it has sophisticated technical facilities and skilled employees. Today, its 1,500 staff work in joint-venture activities with four foreign companies. Products include torches and batteries made with an Italian partner, food processing equipment with a Swedish group and fibre-optic probes for export to Japan.

Revmir Freistut, Lutch's general director, says that industrially the joint ventures are going well. But running the business is tough. There is no money for investment. Any profit is spent on "social" obligations to the workforce — providing homes, medical care and pensions.

None the less, Mr Freistut said: "Our biggest problem is financial. We are suffering very much because the financial system doesn't work. When inflation is rising any sort of business is risky. Stability is the most important question right now for every enterprise in Russia. A year ago we were producing TV sets. Now we are full of TV sets ... Every enterprise is looking for a hole in the market."

For all his problems, Mr Freistut is lucky. He has partners to tell him how to do business in a market economy.

At the Lianasovo baby-food factory in Moscow, Alexander Orlov, the director, is fortunate for different reasons. He runs a plant set up only 12 years ago with much Western equipment. Even working round the clock, it cannot meet demand. But Mr Orlov has problems too. Lianasovo is paid by the state in roubles but must buy packaging from abroad in hard currency. His transport contractors struggle to find spares for their vehicles. And morale among the 220 workers is low.

Mr Orlov hopes privatisation will solve some of these problems and open up opportunities. "There are many other things we could make if we had the resources," he says. "I am confident that ... will be a market economy but I don't know how long it will take. I don't think I really understand how to trade, but I have to do it."

When the government caved in to the ill-named Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs and handed out easy credits, it provided a breathing space for many failing enterprises. It also unleashed hyper-inflation. During 1992, inflation was some 2,000 per cent. Even now, it is running at 20-30 per cent a month.

The rouble is still in free-fall. Less than 18 months ago, there were 1.74 roubles to the dollar. At breakfast time last Tuesday a dollar would buy 829 roubles. By tea-time, the rate was 859. Under pressure from every direction, the banking system has collapsed. By the time they arrive, rouble payments may have lost half their value.

Restructuring Russia's economy is an enormous task, complicated by political wrangling. Prices under the old centrally planned regime bore no relation to costs. A farmer from Azerbaijan could fill a bag with tomatoes and take an Aeroflot flight to Moscow, sell them in a market, and return home with a profit.

Even today, oil costs only $2 a barrel, barely a tenth of the world market price. Russia is the biggest country on earth, 9,000 kilometres from east to west, yet factories were sited without regard to distance to their markets. Outside Moscow most roads become dirt tracks. Goods must go by rail.

Russia is unlike the rest of eastern Europe. The Czech republic, for example, was already a successful industrial economy when it fell under communist sway in 1948. Market forces determined the location of factories and infrastructure. Today, the average wage in the Czech republic is around £100 a month and consumer purchasing power is bolstered by hard currency savings. Investors are flooding in, privatisation is well advanced and growth is forecast to resume this year.

However, according to PlanEcon, Russia's economy will continue to contract this year and next, with no growth before 1995 at the earliest. Since its 149 million people earn on average little more than £7 a month, the pain will be severe. Already, the average family spends 70 per cent of its income on food.

But Russia is not a write-off. Moscow's potholed streets are liberally dotted with Volvos, Mercedes and BMWs. Amid economic turmoil, fortunes are being made, often dishonestly. As elsewhere in eastern Europe, the new entrepreneurs care little for long-term relationships. In a state where corruption is endemic, business law in its infancy and the economy in chaos, their objective is to get rich quick.



Orlov: cannot meet demand

Anne Vaughan, Moscow director of the British-Soviet Chamber of Commerce, says media focus on political tension arising from the reforms gives British business an unduly jaundiced view of opportunities in Russia.

Adjustment to market forces is happening fast and is irreversible, she says. In the southern industrial areas, where the authorities are more progressive, reform seems more advanced than in Moscow. Despite their difficulties, Russians are buying Western goods. And while British investment in Russia remains very low, British Airways flights into Moscow are packed with British businessmen and women.

Today's opportunities appear to be of two kinds. Capital equipment, such as computer software and machinery, is being bought by sectors such as banking and energy where the scope for profit through enhanced efficiency is potentially enormous.

More obviously, branded "luxury" goods are being bought at virtually Western prices. Russia's new entrepreneurs are moving out of the gutter into pavement kiosks, selling Snickers chocolate bars, drink, cigarettes, toiletries, electrical goods and even shoes. Soon they will move into former state shops. And like market traders everywhere, they deal in cash. These people keep their bank accounts abroad, in dollars.

British companies are right to proceed with caution. But Anne Vaughan said: "You can make money in unstable markets. This is the last untapped market for so many branches of industry. Can British companies afford to wait while their rivals move in?"

TEMPUS

Best bitter

A YEAR ago, Whitbread looked the weakest of the big brewers, rattled by bad debts and heavy exposure to the recession-hit South East. Yesterday, it reported it had raised pre-tax profit by a respectable 13 per cent with little help from the economy.

The fashionable criticism of the group is its lack of critical mass compared with its bigger brewing rivals. Whitbread, however is the largest operator in the take-home sector, which has doubled in size over the past decade while the on-trade has shrunk by 17 per cent.

Peter Jarvis, the chief executive, also understands that value matters more than volume. Whitbread has already benefited from the growth of premium brands in the British beer market and will continue to do so. It has the licence for both Heineken, the leading and highest-priced brand in the standard lager sector, and Stella Artois, the brand leader among premium lagers.

Whitbread can also take comfort from its retail business which, including managed pubs and restaurants, is almost twice the size of the beer division. The group's food business continues to expand since the restaurant trade is expected to grow by more than 14 per cent in real terms over the next four years.

The retailing division's involvement in hotels and off-licences is harder to justify. Thresher may be the UK's biggest off-licence chain but its margins are slim and it faces an increased threat from consumers stocking up across the Channel. Presumably, Whitbread only remains in hotels because it cannot exit profitably. On a prospective p/e ratio of 13, the shares reflect some of these reservations, but still look reasonably priced.

Platinum

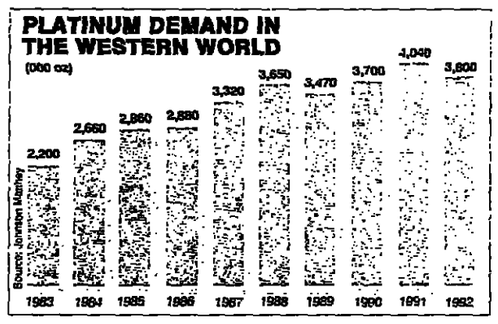
SOME traders insist that there is as much of a connection between the gold price and the platinum price as there is between storks and the birth rate. Recent price charts make it quite evident, however that where gold goes, platinum cannot be far in front.

The white metal has recently basked in reflected glory from gold's price run, and its current premium to the yellow metal is $16.50.

Johnson Matthey's annual review, *Platinum 1993*, points to continued strength in the platinum jewellery market this year and the expected stronger demand for platinum's use in auto-catalysts. The most dominant market remains Japan, whose economic health will determine Far East demand for the metal in 1993. World supplies continue to be dominated by South Africa and Russia, where political volatility this year should keep traders on edge and excite price swings.

Industrial usage remains hostage to the recession, but luxury watches and rings (for both sexes) are playing an increasingly important role in the demand equation.

JM predicts a hardly changed trading range in 1993 of between $350 and $390 an ounce. The metal traded at $386.50 yesterday. JM may well have grounds to revise this band upwards when the interim review appears later this year.



M&G Group

AFTER a couple of dull years, M&G's Recovery Fund is living up to its name and sparking into life as the economy turns. The trust's growth in the past six months has helped to expand the firm's assets under management by 28 per cent to £11 billion, growth which will boost the group's revenues in the second half of the year.

Unit trusts have been deeply unfashionable for the past three years, but with the aid of the personal equity plan and the strong performance of the stock market they appear to be coming back into favour. M&G turned the corner in the first half with net unit sales of £4 million, compared with net redemptions of £45 million last time. M&G now has cash and investments of almost £125 million and, like most fund managers, generates cash faster than it can discover places to invest it. The group talks wistfully of acquisitions but there is no indication it has any inclination to pay the going rate for a rival asset manager. If the group continues heading this way it will start to look like one of the investment trusts it manages. With M&G shares yielding only 1.7 per cent, the group's income funds still look more attractive.

Pilkington

THE timely news of Pilkington's $100 million contract to supply Chrysler with speciality filter glass should allay some of the City's fears about last week's announcement that the board had suspended Bob Skeddle, chief executive of Libbey-Owens-Ford, and two other directors.

Not that the City seems to need much reassurance. Pilkington shares have outperformed the market by 15 per cent since the start of April. The rise has helped it catch up with the rest of the building materials sector, but looks optimistic considering the group is expected to announce more reorganisation provisions and an after-tax loss in its results next month.

The Chrysler deal is a good example of the resurgence of American motor manufacturers and the benefits for LOF of filling their needs with specialist, high margin products. But for every sale in America, one could be lost in Germany as the motor industry there falls into recession. The shares are already trading on more than 40 times potential 1994 earnings, and all the bid speculation in the world is unlikely to drive them much higher.

Drug stocks

THE pharmaceutical sector is quietly returning to favour after the recent ructions. Yesterday's rise in Glaxo's share price means it has recovered more than 100p and outperformed the FTA All-share index by more than 10 per cent since its low point on April 13. SmithKline Beecham is also attracting reasonable demand, although Wellcome is still lagging behind. Some of the demand is said to be coming from America, where they are clearly less worried about the furies that Hillary Clinton can unleash on the industry.

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Teeing off for golf trades

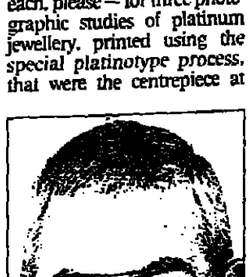
HANGING about the club bar is no longer the most efficient way to dispose of your golf club membership. You should call Mercator International, which has been set up to broke memberships in Britain's exclusive golfing establishments, including the Wisley Golf Club in Surrey. Simon Hampel, who founded Mercator, is applying to the Securities and Futures Authority for membership so that he can deal in Wisley and other golf club memberships which include an equity or debenture investment. He will also be dealing in ordinary non-investment memberships. The right to tee off at Wisley will set you back £35,000 today, compared with £26,000 when the first 470 shares were sold in 1991. And that does not include annual dues of £1,570, bar bill etc. Mr Hampel reckons there will be an active market from Lloyd's names and others who need to generate a bit of cash at a time when lower interest rates are making leisure club equity more attractive.

Ex-directory

TEESSIDE International Airport could have made things a bit easier for itself in its struggle to survive the recession. The airport, 60 per cent owned by Cleveland County Council and 40 per cent by Durham County Council, managed a £134,000 profit last year against a deficit of £240,000, but there is still no dividend for the owners, with most of last year's profit derived from a one-off Nato exercise. Hardly surprising, then, that Edward Goldson, the airport's consultative committee chairman, has demanded to know why the airport is not listed in the principal Teesside telephone directory. "It's true, we're in the Darlington, Tyne & Wear, and Northumberland directories but not Cleveland, the main directory for Teesside. It's a cock-up," admits an airport spokesman. British Telecom is also perplexed: "It's very odd. They simply didn't ask us to put them in the Cleveland book." The airport will now have to wait until next year to get its number in the directory.

The real thing

BORED with reputed fake tapes? Then roll up for an auction of three articles that we can vouch have genuinely been touched by one close to the Royal family. Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, is calling for sealed bids — in excess of £1,000 each, please — for three photographic studies of platinum jewellery, printed using the special platinotype process, that were the centrepiece at yesterday's launch of its annual *Platinum 1993* review. The photographs were taken by Lord Lichfield, who has signed each print. Bids are to be in by May 31, and the money raised will go to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Johnson Matthey's charity of the year..



Hoffman: becomes deputy

Watts' legacy

THE late Sir Roy Watts always claimed he had assembled a strong list of non-executive directors at Thames Water. The succession to Sir Roy, entirely internal, shows he provided well. Sir Chistopher Leaver, the former lord mayor and Thames deputy chairman, will take on the chairman's role until March next year, when Sir Robert Clarke, executive chairman of United Biscuits, becomes non-executive there and takes on the sales role at Thames. Having a true non-executive at the top will please Mike Hoffman, the Thames chief executive, who also becomes a deputy chairman. Hoffman used to muse that Watts' successor might need some credentials in consumer protection. Supplying digestive biscuits might not fit that bill, but Clarke does have, in abundance, the qualities of charm, patience and a steely core.

FRESH concern about the seeming prevalence of insider dealing in the Square Mile has apparently struck a chord at MFI, the furniture group. A colleague telephoned the company to ask for the price range of MFI kitchens, often displayed in various national newspapers. A spokeswoman refused to provide the information on the grounds that the company was now in its closed reporting period.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Banks miss recovery opportunities

From the head of Small Business Bureau Policy Unit

Sir, The realistic analysis by Janet Bush in her article of May 13, "Will small firms get credit for leading the recovery?" of the credit crunch facing independently owned firms in the UK is both timely and profoundly worrying.

There is increasing evidence that the banks are not responding with enthusiasm to lending opportunities. Recession-hit businesses, which require additional working capital to respond to the orders which are becoming available and so trade out of recession, cannot provide the audited profits and/or level of security (primarily personal) required by the banks.

The answer is not, as the CBI has suggested, more equity finance from development and venture capitalists. There is little competition between them at present, and they are driving tough bargains in recovery situations: the terms on offer can only be described as open-ended in the extreme. Why should the owner of a previously successful private company, which wants to remain independent but has withstood losses riding out the recession (but holding on to skilled workpeople), have to give away equity at basement prices at the depth of the economic cycle? This is surely not the way to encourage these business owners to grow their businesses again.

The other traditional British myth which needs to be exploded, and *The Times* did it on August 18, 1992, in an excellent analysis of the German approach to the financing of middle-sized private companies, is that our banks should, like the German banks, be more willing to swap debt for equity. Certainly, the German banks may do so for major public companies, but they do not seek part ownership of private companies and it is totally misleading to suggest they do so. What, of course, the German small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) do have is access to funds raised by the government-owned KfW credit institution and on-lent to them through the banks, so that they can obtain term loans for up to 10 years at fixed rates of interest at 0.5 to 1 per cent above base rates. The banks do not have to use their own resources for such loans, the annual level of which to German SMEs dwarfs the performance of our development and venture capital companies. Regrettably, our efforts so far to persuade the Treasury to consider a KfW-style institution for the UK have not succeeded. The Treasury is worried about the impact on the PSBR and its own borrowing costs of such a move. The Germans, for their part, are more subtle, they do not include the KfW borrowings in their PSBR. So much for presentation.

In the short term, the proposals of the enhanced Loan Guarantee Scheme must be made to work more effectively than the current scheme, which appeared to be running down when needed most. The 85 per cent government guarantee and loans up to £250k are most welcome and necessary, as indeed is the reduction of the premium charged for the guarantee. This is a step in the right direction whilst we pursue the need for more long-term solutions.

Yours faithfully,
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No skulduggery in Erskine deals

From Mr Christopher Gladstone

Sir, I wish to protest very strongly at the inference of some form of skulduggery contained in the article by Melinda Wittstock on May 13, headed "Erskine share deals". The statement that "none of the directors was available for comment", with its obvious inference, was not correct. The bid approach from Alco Standard was only received on May 6/May 7, over three weeks after the share purchases.

In a public company there are only certain times in a year when directors may properly deal. In our case, our announcement containing a dividend warning was near the end of March, shortly after the board meeting which decided on this policy, and shortly before the company's year-end on March 31. At that moment the directors were no longer in possession of inside information. The date fixed for publication of the results for the year was June 15, and therefore the period of two months prior to publication, when directors may not deal in any circumstances, began on April 15. Between the announcement and April 15, therefore, the directors were free properly to deal in the shares.

After the announcement, the shares dropped very sharply to some 27p, implying that the company was in serious trouble. Although directors are probably the last people to judge the value of their own shares, this was a level which none of the directors felt was right in view of their confidence in the longer-term prospects, and accordingly purchases were made, within the correct period. These purchases were deliberately given full publicity, with the intention of restoring confidence. It is one thing for directors to bleat that the stock market seriously undervalues their company. Surely a more powerful argument is to put one's money where one's mouth is.

In this case our share price, on news of our purchases, recovered to about 38p, so our action did achieve something to bolster confidence.

The first comment by your financial staff on May 12 was that the bid "... proves what the company has been telling the City for more than two years — that it grossly undervalued the business". This has now been finally proved by the bid.

Yours faithfully,
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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Riva	Electrical	
2	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
3	Redland	Building,Rds	
4	Photo-Me	Industrial	
5	Scot & New	Breweries	
6	HSBC HK	Banks,Disc	
7	Bass	Breweries	
8	Sainsbury J	Foods	
9	Sidlaw	Industrial	
10	Ladbroke	Hotels,Cat	
11	Scapa	Industrial	
12	FS Dev	Mining	
13	Randfontein	Mining	
14	Bourne End	Property	
15	Sime Darby	Industrial	
16	Trafalgar H	Industrial	
17	Boots	Industrial	
18	Tilbury Dougls	Building,Rds	
19	Cable Wireless	Electrical	
20	Harmony	Mining	
21	Birkdale	Paper,Print	
22	Kwik Save	Foods	
23	St Helena	Mining	
24	Ald Leis	Leisure	
25	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Strs	
26	RMC Gp	Building,Rds	
27	Dalgety	Foods	
28	GKN	Industrial	
29	Shiloh	Industrial	
30	Wld Of Leather	Drapery,Strs	
31	Rank Org	Industrial	
32	Vosper Thorny	Industrial	
33	Honda Motor	Motors,Air	
34	Br Syphon	Industrial	
35	Nobo Gp	Industrial	
36	Life Sciences	Electrical	
37	Groovlei	Mining	
38	Heritage	Drapery,Strs	
39	Nichols (JN)	Foods	
40	Eng China Cl	Industrial	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
417	345	Abbey Nil	410	-4	11.5	3.5	15.8
255	179	Allied Irish	235	-1	...	4.8	12.0
176	130	Aus New Z	162	-1	...	5.6	...
3806½	2793½	Bankamerica	2956½	-31¼	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	236	-2	...	5.9	=
325	225	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	136 †	-1	4.5	4.2	=
464	362	Barclays	439	+4	15.1	4.3	=
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
490	395	Cater Allen	487	...	26.0	6.7	...
126	85	Castles	126	...	...	4.2	16.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1875 †	-96½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1731½	-81¼	...	...	...
348	250	Close Bros	348	+3	...	3.5	15.5
£12½	9275	Commerzbk	£11¼	-62½	...	3.4	...
£30¼	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£28½	+109½	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	80	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1205	+10	...	0.4	64.9
465	343	Gerrard Nat	464	+4	21.0	5.7	...
654	480	HSBC	617	+9	19.0	3.8	14.8
634	474	HSBC HK	607	+6	19.0	3.9	14.5
256	243	Hambros	239	+2	15.8	5.1	15.0
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.5	5.5	...
145	96	King Shaxson	145	+2	5.0	4.3	...
405	312	Kleinwort Ben	402	+3	16.0	5.0	13.9
573	492	Lloyds	545	+11	18.4	4.2	15.6
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	85	-1	3.0	4.4	16.8
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	410½	-5	...	4.9	14.2
485	398	Nat West	471	+2	17.5	4.6	28.6
359	270	Provident	359	+3	11.4	4.0	15.5
47	39	Rea Bros	42	...	0.5	1.5	44.6
282	207	Ryl Bk Scot	269 †	-3	8.8	4.1	...
987½	467½	Schroders	948 ‡	...	...	1.5	18.9
758	576	Stand Chart	723	...	20.0	3.5	...
195	145½	TSB	185	+3½	6.4	4.3	...
140	78	Union Disc	139	...	...	...	...
704	529	Warburg SG	701	+28	18.0	3.2	20.7
236	185	-do- 6% 'A'	236	+12	...	3.2	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6993½	-231½	...	1.6	...
170	121	Westpac	165	-3	...	4.6	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	539	Allied-Lyons	543	-2	20.0	4.6	12.6
647	522	Bass	533	+8	18.9	4.4	11.6
273	189	Boddington	264	-½	7.3	3.5	15.4
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	366	-1	9.0	2.9	17.9
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	148	-7	4.4	3.8	10.8
307	261	Devenish (JA)	297	...	7.8	3.3	16.7
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	90	...	...	4.5	23.8
68½	51	Fosters Brewing	52	-½	...	5.2	7.2
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	379	...	...	2.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	415	...	12.3	3.7	13.5
427	388	Greenalls Grp	396	-8	11.7	3.8	12.9
563	505	Greene King	546	+2	11.6	2.7	14.2
516	440	Guinness	478	...	...	3.1	17.0
291	230	Hardy Hansn	240	-2	7.9	4.1	13.3
113	108	Heavitree	110	...	3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	96	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
299	235	Highland Dist	290	+3	6.0	2.6	19.3
3125	2538	Holt J	2975 †	...	41.0	1.7	=
58	33	Hoskins Brew	58	...	...	...	41.8
325	250	Invergordn Dis	267	...	7.0	3.3	=
186	157	Macallan-Glen	163	...	0.9	0.7	36.6
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	398	...	8.8	2.8	12.2
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Marston Thmp	236	-4	4.9	2.6	11.8
435	410	Matthew Clark	412	+1	15.7	4.8	12.4
290	255	Merrydown W	258	...	...	3.0	18.6
490	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
950	753	SA Breweries	783	+30	...	3.6	=
482½	408	Scot & New	463	+5	16.1	4.3	12.6
223	181	Taunton Cider	212	...	...	2.8	19.8
248	213	Vaux Group	235	-2	9.3	5.0	16.2
296	225	Wetherspoon JD	286	+2	...	2.1	23.1
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	453	+1	...	4.7	11.8
1180	850	-do- 'B'	893	+18	...	...	...
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	574	...	11.4	2.5	16.1
515	480	Young 'A'	483	...	14.5	3.8	21.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.2	39.7
22	13	Albrighton	19	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen	99	+1	...	6.3	10.8
99	65	Amec	95	...	3.0	3.9	17.6
6½	4	Anglia Sec	5	...	...	...	...
207	155	Ashmede	206	...	4.1	2.5	25.6
142	103	Atwoods	131	...	5.0	5.3	17.1
238	180	BPB Ind	236	-1	...	4.0	60.0
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	29½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	88	...	1.2	1.8	16.0
147	94	Barratt Devs	144	-½	2.0	1.7	66.8
412	305	Bellway	401 †	+5	...	3.7	23.2
35	15	Bellwinch	27	...	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	418	...	...	1.8	28.8
75	45	Bett Bros	75	+5	...	...	5.1
53	36	Blockleys	53	+3	1.0	2.4	=
266	199	Blue Circle	260	+2	11.2	5.4	=
285	230	Boot (Henry)	283 †	+3	5.9	2.6	15.8
106	78	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.1	22.7
107	82	Br Dredging	107	+1	5.2	6.1	23.7
25	45	Brit Fittings	69 †	...	1.5	2.7	...
149	99	Bryant	149	...	6.8	4.0	31.9
78	53	CALA	78	...	2.3	...	...
277	206	CRH	271	-2	...	3.4	17.2
43	22	Cakebread Rby	34	+1	...	...	...
39	23	Costain	34	...	...	...	...
178	90	Countryside	137	+3	4.1	3.7	36.2
63	38	Crest Nicholson	62	...	0.8	...	...
90	25	Cussins	83	-2	...	...	...
3½	1	Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
238	178	Epwin	228 †	...	6.8	3.8	19.1
48	32	Erith	42	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
58	34	Everd Bardon	51	-½	2.0	4.9	23.9
4½	2½	Explantra	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	132 †	-2	...	4.7	21.0
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.5	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
810	695	Gleeson (MJ)	810 †	+12	12.7	2.0	13.1
120	90	Hewden-Stuart	119	...	3.2	3.4	=
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	2.6	...	40.5
280	196	Heywd Wlm	273	...	12.5	5.7	...
85	37	Higgs & Hill	77 †	...	2.5	4.1	...
35	27	How Gp	30 †	...	1.5	6.3	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
110	70	Ibstock Johnsen	87 †	...	1.0	1.9	...
32	14½	Jarvis	25	-1	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	265	...	8.0	4.2	10.6
83	55	Ln Cyclesidee	67	+1	4.5	8.4	29.2
23	10½	Lovell (Y.J)	21½	...	...	...	9.8
307	240	Manders	303	...	9.0	3.7	19.8
143	93	Marley	137	...	4.2	3.8	40.2
90	61	Marshalls	90	+3	...	6.9	31.1
158	122	Maunders (J)	156	...	4.9	4.0	14.3
196	96	Mcalpine (A)	192	+2	6.5	4.2	33.2
37	23	McCarthy & S	37	+1	0.5	...	...
385	272	Meyer Int	380	+3	...	3.3	40.8
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
128	62	Mowlem (J)	128	...	4.0	3.9	...
78	51	NSM	57	+1	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	106	Newman Tnks	158	-2	...	6.3	21.1
293	197	Persimmon	293	...	8.6	3.7	29.9
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
137	80	Prowting	137	+9	3.4	3.1	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti	3½	...	...	...	...
719	555	RMC Gp	719	+4	...	3.5	28.3
117	90	Raine Ind	99	-1	6.0	7.6	16.5
36	20	Ramus	20	...	...	...	...
519	402	Redland	518	+9	25.0	6.0	30.1
75	64	Rosted	70	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
280	207	Rugby Group	275	...	6.4	2.9	21.1
42	23	Swift-Rvs	42	...	...	...	...
110	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	4.0	4.5	=
176	110	Sheffield Insl	176	...	...	4.5	28.4
96	82	Sheriff Hldgs	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorco	74	-1	...	8.8	16.8
228	205	Smart (J)	220	...	8.5	4.8	10.0
6½	4½	Starmin	5	...	0.3	7.5	6.0
142	103	Tarmac	139 †	-2	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	111	+5	1.0	1.1	...
550	433	Tilbury Dougls	530	+5	33.0	7.8	=
35	19	Torex Hire	24	...	...	2.1	...
221	168	Travis Perkins	212 †	-5	8.0	4.7	=
38	30	Try Group	37½	+½	1.0	3.3	10.6
28	26	Tudor	28	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	58	...	3.6	7.8	10.7
56	20	Ward Hldgs	56	+4	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	455 †	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
18	8	Wescol	15	+3	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	142	+3	...	4.3	...
12	4½	West Scaffold	9½	+½	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451	...	8.7	2.4	30.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	187 †	-2	3.9	2.6	32.4
184	107	Wimpey G	181	+1	5.2	3.6	=
47	25	YRM	46	...	4.0	...	5.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	570	-5	...	...	=
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	66 †	...	...	6.6	8.1
50	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	164	-3	5.3	4.0	=
108	84	BET Ord	101	...	...	8.0	14.8
93	41	BNB Res	93	+2	4.9	6.6	=
318	258	BPP	289	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	235	Barbour Index	235	...	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Boustead	21 †	...	0.7	4.2	=
236	184	Brk Data Mgt	235	...	...	2.1	19.6
15	11	Broadcastle	15	...	...	...	12.0
73	54	Brooks Service	71	+1	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	173	...	...	1.5	9.0
42	31	Casket Plc	41	...	0.5	1.5	15.6
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	43	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	282	...	...	1.2	31.2
50	18	Comaca	44 †	-1	...	4.3	=
18½	6½	Corp Services	17½	...	...	...	...
85	50	Dart	85	+1	3.3	4.9	9.6
231	198	Davis Service	215 †	...	...	4.3	=
104	85	EW Fact	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
28	11	Gardiner	25½	-½	0.6	3.2	17.7
44	30	Gardner (DC)	38	...	...	...	...
246	229½	Hays	228	...	4.6	2.5	22.4
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
174	127	Hunt Whamp	168	-4	...	2.8	=
£120½	9650	ISS B DKr	£104½	+146½	...	1.0	14.7
637	532	Inchcape	566	-3	...	3.0	19.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	826	...	25.7	3.9	=
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
1167	893	Manpower	1009	...	...	...	...
45½	40½	Michael Page	45½	+1	1.8	4.9	19.3
279	217	Pentna	265	-3	...	0.9	67.1
4½	2	Prime People	2½	+½	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	94 †	...	12.0	16.0	=
423	374	RCO	374	...	12.8	4.6	12.8
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.5	...
90	43	Reed Executive	87	...	...	...	...
156	113	Reliance Sec	115	...	...	4.9	11.6
238	193	Rentokil	197	+1	2.3	1.5	24.6
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	260	...	6.2	3.0	17.5
399	343	Salvesen (C)	376	...	7.0	2.3	20.8
35	29	Scot Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	185	...	9.4	6.4	9.8
6	5	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	968	-2	14.0	1.8	26.8
352	252	Sherwd Comp	280 †	...	...	3.1	=
130	91	Sketchley	94	...	3.0	4.1	=
355	310	Warner Howrd	330	+10	6.5	2.5	=
45	27	Welpac	30	...	0.6	2.5	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23	-½	...	0.5	31.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	223	-2	3.9	2.2	17.7
759	613	Amersham	668	...	12.5	2.3	24.8
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	9050	-9½	...	7.7	...
285	221	BTP	285	...	9.3	4.5	20.8
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£104½	-75	...	5.5	...
178	134	Blagden	178	...	9.5	6.7	19.2
165	129	Brent Chems	129	-1	7.4	7.2	=
530	405	Br Bio-Tech	405	-10	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	26½	+1½	1.3	6.3	...
153	126	Canning (W)	138	...	7.2	6.6	15.8
608	533½	Courtaulds	545	-4	13.0	3.0	14.8
281	228	Croda	272	-1	7.756	3.6	=
146	121	Doeflex	137	...	4.6	4.2	10.5
202	175	Ellis & Everard	198	+1	7.0	4.5	18.1
28	15½	Euro Colour	24½	...	0.6	3.3	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
237	194	Hickson	236	...	8.0	4.2	=
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9800	-12½	...	3.9	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	215	...	...	2.2	19.8
1309	1048	ICI	1258	-5	55.0	5.5	31.3
688	581	Laporte	624	-1	19.5	3.9	17.2
223	181	Leigh	184	...	7.8	5.3	15.0
19½	8	MTM	8½	+½	...	...	...
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1700	+12½	...	1.7	=
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	265	-2	6.0	2.8	17.9
210	173	Porvair	210	...	3.6	2.1	22.5
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	10	+1	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	435	...	16.0	4.6	17.5
490	395	Wistnhlme R	450	...	17.0	4.7	15.4
401	368	Yorks Chem	399	+1	...	2.4	21.4
306	240	Yule Catto	289	...	5.9	2.6	17.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	82	-3	3.0	4.6	...
87	42	Amber Day	80	+3	3.1	4.9	21.6
319	257	Argos Plc	303	+½	...	2.9	20.8
110	69	Ashley (Laura)	110	...	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	285	...	...	...	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	233 †	...	5.0	2.7	=
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	139 †	-1	6.0	5.4	=
121	97	Bentalls	109 †	...	1.9	2.2	...
276	208	Betterware	267	+1	...	0.6	36.8
34	22	Blacks Leis	29	...	3.3	...	6.0
227	133	Body Shop	193	-3	1.7	1.1	=
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15¼	...	...	0.6	=
401	318	Brown (N)	381	+1	7.0	2.5	=
87½	64½	Burton	85	-2	...	3.0	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	353	-2	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	146	...	4.2	3.6	17.6
247	212	Coats Viyella	234	+1	...	3.9	36.4
106	78	Colourvision	91	...	...	...	15.4
502	374	Courts Furnish	501	...	5.0	1.2	25.1
155	115	Crown Eyes	137	...	...	5.5	6.4
106	89	Dairy Farm Ind	102	-3	...	3.3	16.2
65	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	66	+½	1.0	1.9	20.9
281	194½	Dixons Grp	217	+3	6.0	3.5	25.5
405	320	Dunhill	400	...	7.7	2.4	13.9
21	12½	ERA Gp	18	-1	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	...	16.0	4.3	16.3
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
239	203	Etam	239	...	6.9	3.7	21.4
562	499	Fine Art Dev	546	-2	12.7	3.0	=
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formluster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
56	24	French Conn	56	+5	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci	47	+3	2.0	...	9.4
65	43	Gent SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
47	23	Goldsmiths Gp	45	...	0.3	0.8	=
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1725	1563	-do- 'A'	1623	...	40.0	3.1	12.9
40	34	Hampden Grp	35	...	...	3.6	17.3
277	78	Hartstone	80	...	4.8	7.6	4.9
25½	20	Helene Plc	23½	+1½	2.0	10.7	=
48	29	Heritage	48	+3	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle	61	...	...	2.0	8.6
192	128	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	6.7	=
93	63	Jacques Vert	78	...	2.0	...	...
619	496	Kingfisher	611	+2	...	2.8	17.3
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66½	...	4.0	7.5	13.7
695	495	Liberty	640 †	...	7.2	1.4	75.4
320	265	Lloyds Chem	304	...	5.5	2.3	11.9
152	130	MFI	137½	+½	...	3.4	10.1
360	311	Marks Spencer	355	+6	7.1	2.5	21.6
505	445	Menzies (John)	495	...	10.0	2.5	16.7
175	135	Moss Bros	167 †	...	5.5	4.1	=
174	139½	Next	169½	+2	2.5	1.9	=
50	15	Oliver (G)	35	-1	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	214	...	...	3.6	13.9
62	45	Pentos	57	-½	1.5	3.3	11.7
313	256	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	22.2
41½	11	Ratners Group	35½	+3	2.4	8.5	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	28	+½	...	...	...
135	120	Rosebys	135	...	...	4.0	16.2
174	137	Sherwood Gp	164	...	2.6	2.0	=
102	93	Sears	102 †	...	3.5	4.3	=
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	440	-3	13.4	3.8	15.5
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	207½	+3½	5.0	3.0	...
191	149	T & S Stores	154	...	5.9	4.8	11.5
133	71	Tie Rack	132	+1	...	1.0	21.5
220	160	Time Products	216	...	7.5	4.4	=
100	63	Usher (Frank)	92	...	...	6.8	7.3
45	27	Vivat	35	+1	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	35	Wensum	36 †	...	...	6.3	=
117	78	Wickes	111	...	...	...	49.2
60	45	Wld of Leather	58	+8	...	...	...
197	146	Wyevale	197	...	...	2.5	=
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	142	ACT Group	159	+1	4.5	3.5	15.7
238	223	Acale	238	...	...	3.1	19.0
162½	38	Acorn Compu	81	-5	...	...	...
480	385	Admiral	434	...	5.4	1.6	15.4
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
42	19½	Alphameric	38	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	32	-1	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo	120	...	...	...	...
18	13	Arlen	13	-1	...	...	...
58	55½	Astec	57	+½	...	...	...
290	250	Bowles Hunter	275	...	9.2	4.2	11.5
7	3	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	371	+3	19.2	6.5	25.1
575	455	Blick	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1663	1150	Borlande	1650	...	...	...	...
319	254	Bowthorpe	312	...	6.3	2.5	=
446½	376	BT	417½	-3	...	4.8	20.6
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	8	...	0.1	1.6	...
151	110	Bernfield	137	...	5.7	5.2	21.7
760	669	Cable Wireless	721	+5	13.2	2.3	22.3
19½	11½	Chloride	14½	...	...	...	...
271	229	CML Microx	251	...	...	2.4	16.5
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
153	109	Cray Elect	150	...	...	0.4	12.3
322	240	Critchley	319	...	...	2.4	22.6
119	96	Dale	105	...	5.1	6.1	10.2
548	414	Delta	538	-8	14.0	3.3	=
298	205	Denmans Ela	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	519	-2	7.2	1.7	17.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	56	-1	2.5	5.6	18.6
1040	865	Dricks	1038	...	...	1.1	25.1
411	358	Electrocompnts	386	...	7.0	2.3	20.9
573	420	El Data Pre	555	...	5.1	1.1	15.2
95	43	Electron House	81	...	2.3	3.6	24.7
30	10½	Emess	25½	-1	0.1	0.4	...
587	442	Eurotherm	579	...	8.0	1.7	28.4
135	108	FKI	135	+1	2.3	2.1	26.1
391	340	Farnell Elect	378 †	+2	6.2	2.1	=
51	33	Feedback	48	-2	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	13½	...	...	...	...
195	101	First Tech	192	...	...	...	...
256	81	Forward Gp	273	...	...	1.5	=
18	16½	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
329½	264	GEC	317	+1	9.6	3.9	16.8
182	132	Gresley	177	...	10.9	8.7	=
32	30	Holtdale	30	...	...	1.6	12.7
150	83	INSTEM	135	-5	...	2.9	9.7
393	330	Jones Stroud	373	...	8.0	2.7	16.2
10	8	Kembrey	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	312	...	...	3.0	16.5
181	47	Kewill Sys	150	-2	...	...	7.5
203	100	Kode	182	...	5.5	3.8	21.6
60	16	Laser-Scan	40	-16	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	322	-17	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	288	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	135	Life Sciences	155	+5	3.5	2.9	16.8
230	164	Logica	230	...	3.6	2.0	27.1
54	44	LPA Ind	45	...	...	9.8	12.7
212	180	MR Data Mngmt	184	...	4.3	2.9	17.6
673	523	Macro 4	638	-2	...	2.5	21.4
630	527	Meriver-Swa	597	...	...	1.9	19.6
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2230	+15	...	...	20.5
227	188	Microgen	189	...	7.2	4.8	12.9
34½	27½	Microvitec	26½	-½	...	...	...
514	397	Misys	477	+1	6.1	1.6	21.8
178	99	Mitel	161	-2	...	...	...
139	108	MMT Comp	119	...	...	3.7	15.0
27	18	Molynx	18	...	...	9.0	1.7
272	202	MTL Inst	218	...	...	3.1	16.4
165	122	Multitone Elect	133	...	3.0	2.8	16.3
149	116	Murray Enter	148	...	1.8	1.6	68.8
6412½	5300	NYNEX	5387½	...	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain	111	-1	...	1.1	16.6
75	20	Northamber	61	-1	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	245	...	4.3	2.2	16.5
83	48	P-E Internl	82	...	1.0	1.5	...
75	39	P & P	68	-3	1.4	2.6	36.1
80	55	Peek	72 †	-1	3.4	5.9	18.8
190	115	Pegasus	163	-5	...	4.9	41.3
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000 †	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp tlv	962½	-12½	...	...	...
452	343	Pifco	449	...	7.7	2.2	38.0
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	429	...	7.7	2.3	36.3
96	63	Plasmec	63	+2	...	7.7	=
104	76	Pressac	89	+1	2.4	3.4	18.0
135	103	Psion	125	...	...	2.5	33.2
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10 #	...	...	...	...
224	160	Racal Elect	200	...	1.5	0.9	23.7
60	45	Radamec	55 †	...	1.0	3.4	=
70	43	Radius	68	...	...	5.0	23.5
92	61	Real Time	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Riva	32	+7	...	...	...
629	488	Sage Gp	583 †	...	9.0	1.9	18.7
66	49	Scientronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	120	...	5.0	5.2	23.6
330	220	Sema Gp	301	...	2.8	1.2	24.3
39	26	Silverlines	32	...	...	9.0	...
45	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2287½	-37½	...	1.3	22.9
27	4½	TDS Circuits	15	-1	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	137	-1	0.6	0.5	47.8
899	809	THORN EMI	835	-2	30.1	4.5	21.5
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	75	Total Systems	83	...	2.2	3.4	14.8
429	372	Tunstall	413	-1	6.0	1.8	18.5
256	164	Unitech	246	...	5.8	3.0	43.0
11½	6	Verity	8	...	...	...	...
37½	24	Vistec	31½	...	...	1.2	26.8
434	367	Vodafone	415	+1	...	1.7	20.4
441	368	Volex	384	...	...	5.5	19.5
22	11	Western Selectn	19	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	440	-4	17.1	4.9	8.5
496	399	Eastern Elect	450	-5	16.7	4.6	11.2
356	304	Hydro-Elect	326	-2	10.1	3.9	11.6
500½	404	London Elect	449	-2	16.8	4.7	8.6
549	458	Manweb	502	-2	18.2	4.5	7.2
514	424½	Midlands Elec	465	-1	17.2	4.6	9.8
549	440	Northern Elec	485	-5	18.5	4.8	7.2
544	439	Norweb	485	-4	17.7	4.6	9.1
337	285	Scottish Power	307	-1	10.1	4.1	11.4
529	436	Seeboard	484	-4	17.2	4.5	8.7
571	469	Sth Wales	512	-2	19.4	4.7	8.1
532	426	Sth Western	471	-1	17.4	4.6	8.5
496	406	Southern Elec	447	-3	16.6	4.7	8.8
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	500	-4	17.7	4.4	9.3
354½	273	National Powr	332	+2	9.1	3.5	10.7
353	273	PowerGen	334	...	...	3.9	10.4

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	0.5	...	33.6
77	47	BWD	77	...	...	5.2	12.0
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	=
453	425	Caledonia	426	-2	14.4	4.2	16.3
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
360	243	Candover	260	+10	10.2	4.9	18.4
97	71	Flextech	97	+2	...	...	9.6
303	156	Govett	286	...	...	5.3	8.9
148	125	Ivory Sime	147	...	...	5.4	15.4
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
203	154	Lon Forfaitng	200	-1	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	11½	-½	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	49	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Bro	272	...	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rutland Tst	21	...	0.8	4.8	=
330	255	S & U	276	...	10.0	4.7	=
69	48	Singer & Fried	67	-1	2.6	4.9	=
938	738	Sotheby's	863	+13	...	4.4	...
107	83	SJP Capital	107	+1	3.0	3.5	19.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1781¼	-15½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	221	+2	6.7	3.8	30.1
978	835	Henderson Ad	910	...	41.0	5.6	20.0
121	92	Invesco MIM	107	-2½	3.0	3.5	=
218	164	Jardine Strat	206	+3	...	3.5	10.1
194	151	MAI	179	...	6.0	4.2	13.0
485	389	MAM	483	+1	11.5	3.0	19.3
799	633	M & G	790	+3	...	3.4	20.8
225	115	Smith New Ct	220	...	4.5	2.6	8.7
80	55	Trio Hldgs	77	-1	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	477	-3	14.0	3.7	10.7
77½	53	ASDA Group	65	...	...	3.1	21.0
235	170	Acatos & Hutch	235	+10	6.5	3.5	13.6
76	55	Albert Fisher	67 †	...	3.7	7.0	11.2
407	310	Argyll	313	...	9.7	3.9	12.3
25	12	Ashley Group	17½	-½	...	4.0	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	=
210	180	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	370	-5	6.5	2.2	18.7
85	57	Bensons Crsp	62	...	...	5.7	13.9
138	112½	Berisford Intl	137	...	...	7.4	33.5
465	363	Booker	367	-2	...	7.4	33.5
50	35	Borthwick	48	-½	1.1	2.9	33.5
468	430	Brake Bros	464	...	6.2	1.6	20.1
51	38	Budgen	47	...	...	...	16.0
511	442	Cadbury-Schw	456	...	...	3.6	17.0
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick	190	...	...	4.9	14.0
20	8½	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	9.1
384	168	Dalepak	193	...	6.0	3.9	8.7
491	431	Dalgety	439	+6	19.5	5.6	12.8
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	129	...	...	3.4	17.8
295	269	Farepak	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
94	78	Finlay (James)	83	...	4.1	6.4	=
125	78	Fyffes	108	-2	...	1.4	17.9
483	328	Geest	410 †	-1	8.1	2.5	=
12	7	Global	11	-1	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	191	...	6.1	4.0	11.6
171	131	Hillsdown	155	+1	...	7.1	12.2
750	616	Iceland Frozen	691	...	10.0	1.8	20.6
131	111	JLI Group	119	+4	4.5	4.7	17.1
853	731	Kwik Save	793 †	+5	16.0	2.6	15.0
262	202	Low (Wm)	204 *	...	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	55	...	2.2	5.1	36.0
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14	...	1.1	10.0	33.5
174	149	Morrison (W)	155	...	...	0.6	20.1
533	442	Nichols (JN)	515	+5	13.6	3.3	15.0
280	242	Nthn Foods	270	+10	...	3.6	14.0
22	13	Nthmbrn Fine	15	...	...	...	5.4
229	172	Nurdin Peack	209	+1	6.1	3.7	=
241	205	Park Foods	238	+3	3.2	1.7	26.4
115	93	Perkins Food	115	...	4.4	4.8	=
99½	47	PizzaExpress	75	-1	...	0.8	43.1
4½	1½	Regina Hlths	4½	+½	...	...	...
594	446	Sainsbury J	459	+6	10.0	2.8	=
68	33	Sentry Farms	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	172	...	11.2	8.2	9.3
439	379	Tate & Lyle	398 *	+4	12.0	3.9	12.2
273	210	Tesco	219	-2½	...	4.1	10.2
211	167	Thorntons	177	-1	3.6	2.7	15.8
183	107	Trexta	175	...	...	2.6	20.0
373	300	Unigate	354	+2	15.3	5.4	12.8
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	422	+7	...	4.5	21.7
25	21	Usborne	22	...	0.4	2.4	12.0
327	248	Watson & Phil	303	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Ho	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	=
209	170	Forte	189	-2	...	5.0	14.5
199	155	Friendly Hotels	168	...	5.7	4.3	=
11	6½	Harmony Leis	10½	+½	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	104	...	...	5.9	12.2
215	154	Ladbroke	177	+9	11.1	7.9	15.1
72	51	Mandarin Orntl	72	...	...	4.4	=
59	44	Queens Moat	47½#	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
98	81	-do- 7¾% cnpr	95 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	44	...	3.4	9.8	8.6
24	11½	Ryan Hotels IE	18	...	...	6.1	=
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	58	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	189	...	...	5.6	12.1
616	479	AAH	491	-5	16.3	4.2	15.6
172	140	AIM	141	...	6.5	5.8	8.7
172	95	APV	65	-4	5.4	7.1	=
233	81	ASW	229	-7	6.0	3.3	...
157	124	Adwest	157	...	7.0	5.6	22.3
28	10	Aerospace Eng	26½	+6½	1.0	...	...
485	434	Airsprung	485	-1	7.5	1.9	13.5
141	112	Alexdra W	140 *	...	3.8	3.4	=
17½	7	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
575	415	Alumasc	535	...	11.0	2.6	16.4
35	17	Alvis	35	...	1.0	3.8	6.6
430	345	Amber Ind	369	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	19	Amberley Gp	31	...	...	4.0	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	137	...	4.4	4.1	77.1
897	703	Antofagasta	800 †	...	...	2.5	14.8
50½	37	Arcolectric	43½	...	1.4	4.3	12.8
172	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
3	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	490	...	...	4.2	19.2
235	108	Assoc Nursing	215	-1	...	...	...
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	657 *	...	...	4.2	16.5
68	25	Avonside Metal	40	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	...	...	6.0	=
56	28	BLP Group	52	...	...	...	...
77	17	BM Gp	58	-4½	5.0	...	0.8
770	671	BOC	768	+5	23.2	4.2	15.3
79½	62	BSG	60	...	...	6.0	=
480	353	BSS Group	490	...	...	4.5	19.2
622	530	BTR	567	...	...	3.8	20.8
221	188	BWI	219	+1	6.7	4.3	18.9
41½	31	Babcock	35½	...	3.1	...	7.4
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	259	...	8.9	4.3	18.0
1062½	856½	Barlow Rand	866½	...	...	5.7	3.4
3	2	Barrett (H)	2 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	1.4	2.9	=
15	5	Beaufort	12	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckerhaims	8½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	17½	+2	0.1	0.7	16.2
625	528	Bespak	575	-5	9.9	2.1	16.6
133	83	Bibby (J)	97	...	0.7	...	5.1
300	125	Bilam (H)	224	...	5.0	2.8	11.3
41	23	Bilston Batterse	30	+7	...	...	...
11½	6½	Birmec Ind	8½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Bibby	150	...	...	0.8	...
44	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgngn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	176	...	2.9	2.1	18.1
237	129	Bluebird Toys	237	+3	...	2.4	14.8
587	494	Bodycote	575	+2	10.0	2.2	=
583	431	Boots	456	+8	...	3.7	17.1
61	45	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	6.9	6.0
517	436½	Bowater	463	+1	11.5	3.1	18.3
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1398 †	-34	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	241	...	...	1.9	18.0
19	12½	Bradway	17	...	0.5	4.3	22.0
268	204	Brammer	265	...	13.0	6.4	23.0
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17	...	1.2	...	7.7
100	64	Bridon	99	...	4.0	5.2	=
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	7.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	36	-1	...	8.8	8.8
308	273	Br Blrg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	49	...	...	...	...
505	417	Br Polythene	504	...	...	2.5	18.1
97½	54	Br Steel	97½	+1	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	128	+8	3.0	2.9	35.9
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.3	...
268	216	Br Vita	236	...	7.1	3.8	14.6
13	6½	Brixton Grp	11½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	633	-9	...	2.9	30.0
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	103	+1	4.0	4.9	14.2
10½	6½	Brooks Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	107	...	6.0	7.1	18.3
28	15	Business Tech	15	...	...	...	18.1
28	17	CI Group	25	...	1.0	5.0	=
23	15	Campbll & Arm	19½	+½	2.0	...	...
38	6½	Cannon St	26	+1½	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	228	...	10.5	5.8	14.5
228	178	Carclo Eng	202	...	...	5.3	17.0
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2350	...	...	2.8	=
78	68	Cassidy Bros	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
146	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.0	5.6	8.1
707	609	Charter Cons	645	...	21.5	4.2	15.5
270	220	Chemring	265	+5	...	3.8	16.0
92	69	Chieftain Gp	69	...	5.1	9.2	14.8
30	17	Chillington	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
188	144	Christies Int	177	+3	1.5	1.1	=
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	360	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	187	+2	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186½	Concentric	217	-1	...	3.2	17.4
178	120	Cook (Wm)	178	...	10.0	...	11.9
215	182	Cookson	199	...	...	3.8	=
45	38	Copymore	43	...	...	2.9	=
238	173	Crowll Fkr 'A'	174	...	3.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	155	-2	10.7	8.7	23.6
224	160	Creighton Nt	174	...	...	5.0	12.6
44	27	CrestaCare	43	...	0.5	1.5	=
3456½	2993½	Dana	3181½	-31½	...	...	...
800	314	Danka Bs Sys	720	-13	4.5	0.8	=
16	5	Davies (DY)	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	659	-5	15.0	2.8	20.2
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
485	391	Diploma	484	+14	9.7	2.5	25.2
67	50	Dobson Park	67	+2	5.7	10.7	12.1
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	65	...	5.0	9.6	9.3
18	9	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
421	368	EIS	369	+1	...	3.9	=
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	25	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2012½	+9½	...	2.8	=
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	424	Eng China Cl	444	+4	20.0	5.6	=
2725	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2712½	+100	...	1.1	=
90	27	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	...	...
50	32	Eurocopy	47	...	1.6	4.3	18.2
80	50	Expamet	74	...	3.2	5.5	=
635	499	Fairey Group	627	...	10.2	2.0	19.3
95	53	Fenner	83	+1	4.2	6.3	15.7
68	33	Ferraris Group	67	...	...	1.9	15.3
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
40	28	Fife Indmar	40	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	157	Fisons	172	-2	...	6.3	18.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	43	...	12.4	...	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39 †	...	1.5	4.8	=
74	56	French (Thmas)	62	...	3.6	7.3	31.1
210	166½	Frost Group	192	...	4.0	2.6	=
85	71	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	434	GKN	443	+9	...	5.8	19.7
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
94	79	Garton Eng	92	...	4.0	5.6	...
160	109	Gestetner	117½	-½	8.2	8.7	5.1
36	23	Gleves	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	655	+14	17.0	3.2	18.1
36	16	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	305	-4	11.6	4.9	28.0
100	66	Goode Durrant	100	...	5.4	6.8	21.2
134	102	Grampian Hd	121	-1	5.5	5.7	21.0
411	341	Granada	408	+1	7.7	2.4	21.7
365	301	Great Sthrn	364	+1	...	3.8	15.0
95	78	Green (Ernst)	95	...	...	9.2	13.1
14	8½	Greenacre	12 †	...	...	2.9	=
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
43	30½	Haden MacLn	41	-1½	2.0	6.3	=
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	66	...	...	...	...
234	115	Hall Eng	234	+1	8.6	4.6	19.5
258	215	Halma	224	...	2.2	1.2	27.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	243	+1½	...	5.9	12.4
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	...	3.9	15.6
186	147	Harrisn Crsfld	178	+4	9.0	6.3	25.7
60	38	Havelock Euro	60	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	41	+7	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	22	...	0.7	4.0	11.6
394	301	Hepworth	391	+2	14.8	4.8	16.8
225	160	Hewitt (J)	218	...	3.0	1.7	17.0
38	15	High-Point	33	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	6½	Hobson	6½	...	...	...	...
115	97	Holders Tech	115	+3	...	6.5	15.0
46	30	Hopkinsons	46	+1	1.3	3.6	18.9
167	138	Hornby	138	...	...	8.2	13.0
13½	6	Hospital Crp	9	+½	...	11.1	2.4
73	54½	Howden	72	...	...	3.7	11.1
231½	173	Hunting	210	+6	...	6.0	17.2
380½	269½	Huntleigh Tec	378 ‡	+6½	...	1.1	=
295	247	IMI	286	-4	10.0	4.4	=
109	90	IFA Intl	99	...	1.5	1.9	15.4
205	179	Intercare Gp	184	...	...	1.8	19.5
255	235	Inoven	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	360	Jardine Math	472	+4	...	2.5	=
537	438	Johnson Mash	479	+1	9.6	2.5	19.9
64	51	Johnson & FB	51	...	3.0	7.4	15.7
149	104	Johnston	149	...	3.2	2.7	...
32	19	Jones Stroud	24	...	...	...	...
31	16	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	25	Kalamazoo	50	...	...	...	41.2
178	73	Kalon	168	-½	3.2	2.4	=
297	251	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
130	75	Keenecte	130	+2	...	...	...
118	61	LGW	111	...	3.0	3.4	9.2
303	266	Laird	280	...	10.5	4.7	=
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	156	...	...	4.9	64.6
136	110	Lilleshall	134	+1	4.2	4.0	16.5
153	97	Lincat	147	-1	...	4.3	12.7
10½	4½	Lincoln Hse	7½	-½	...	...	14.4
128	76	Linread	105	+2	3.7	4.5	16.2
208	170	Lintn Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	=
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T)	16	-½	1.0	2.8	50.4
274	185	Lon Intl	195	...	9.4	6.4	12.6
120½	70	Lonrho	113½	-4	...	4.4	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	331	...	...	3.4	=
343	285	MB-Caradon	312	+2	8.6	3.5	=
169½	140½	-do- pf	162	+1	7.2	5.6	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	21	...	1.8	...	20.3
43	25	MS Intl	43	...	2.5	7.3	60.1
50	39	MY Holdings	42	...	...	3.0	12.8
283	236	Macfarlane	248	...	4.7	2.4	18.3
430	379	McKechnie	414 †	...	14.7	4.5	20.5
106	53	McLeod Russel	96	-1	6.0	7.8	11.7
10½	5½	Mackies	6½	+1	...	...	...
74	63	Magnolia	66	+2	0.1	0.2	10.6
106	71	Mansc Bronze	95	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	134	Mayborne	172	-1	...	3.6	14.3
54	25	Mayflower	52	...	...	3.0	=
236	191½	McKeva	212	-1	...	1.3	17.2
107½	98	Meggitt	97½	-½	...	4.8	16.6
130	111	Metalrax	115	...	4.0	4.3	16.9
77	70	Metsec	71	...	...	...	...
77	75	Midstates	71	-1	...	1.3	=
25	14	Mining & Ald	25	+1½	0.5	2.5	...
498	368	Molins	481	...	14.0	3.8	=
345	262	Morgan Cble	275	...	12½	5.7	=
145	134	Morris Ashby	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Nepgrend	26	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	52	...	3.1	7.6	12.4
180	125	Nobo Gp	169	+5	3.5	3.6	20.7
174	127½	Norcros	167	...	7.0	5.2	28.6
42	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
320	310	Nu-Swift	320	...	...	7.8	8.8
53	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	133	PCT	133	...	...	7.1	=
48	44	Pacer Systems	44	...	...	8.3	...
138	99	Pentland	111	...	...	2.8	=
380	310	Photo-Me	366	+4	4.4	1.5	18.8
137	97½	Pilkington	129	+1	6.0	5.8	46.9
32	19	Pittard	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plastrbook	78	...	3.0	4.9	12.0
150	125	Polypipe	150	...	1.9	1.6	21.7
517	455	Portals	481 †	+1	14.5	3.9	=
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	25	+1	2.5	12.5	6.2
7½	5½	Portls Gp	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	327	-1	6.0	2.3	18.5
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.5	8.5
54	33½	PS Group	52	...	...	5.3	11.5
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
149	77	Ransom Wm	122	...	...	2.0	...
744	636	Rank Org	705	+5	31.0	5.5	10.3
73	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
657	557	Reckitt Colm	553	-3	...	5.7	22.2
77	56	Record	75	...	3.6	6.2	39.3
7½	2½	Rexx	6½	+½	...	...	...
179	137	Relyon	176	+1	4.9	3.5	21.1
303	275	Renishaw	292	...	6.5	2.8	22.3
61	55	Renold	61	...	1.0	2.0	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1272	+6	21.2	2.1	21.0
34	24½	Rexmore	34	+1	1.3	6.4	8.3
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.9
68	58	Richards (Leics)	65 †	...	4.4	8.8	=
78	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	=
128	109	Ropner	124 †	...	8.2	8.3	17.6
122	97	-do- 'A'	114 †	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	28	Ross Gp	35	+2	0.6	2.3	14.3
455	395	Rotork	454	+1	...	3.1	20.0
135	100	Rubicon	125	...	...	1.5	...
65	43	Russell (A)	56	...	1.0	2.2	...
29	15	STP Indl	28½	+5	0.6	2.9	25.8
800	625	SKF 'B'	775	...	...	...	...
342	222	Sanderson Elec	330	...	9.0	3.4	14.1
78	39	Savage	77	...	...	0.4	...
45	30	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	208	Scapa	217	+4	5.3	3.1	17.7
238	192	Scholl	210	...	6.3	3.8	=
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	925	...	2.6	0.4	35.2
666	562	-do- 'A'	581	+2	2.6	0.6	22.1
505	465	Security Serv	484	...	5.0	1.3	25.9
103	77	Senior Eng	103	...	...	3.8	23.0
361	306	Seton Health	338	...	...	1.9	21.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
121	88	Shiloh	121 †	+3	2.9	3.0	=
361	295	Sidlaw	312	+4	10.0	4.1	14.3
501	427	Siebe	480	+2	...	2.5	19.4
308	220	Silentnight	307	...	8.0	3.3	=
124	102	Sime Darby	124	+6	...	3.4	15.2
142	52	Simon Eng	58	+3	5.0	10.8	13.3
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	238	+1	7.0	3.7	15.3
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	143	Smith & Neph	143½	+½	...	4.0	20.1
513	389	SmithKline	487 †	+15	8.6	2.2	17.4
450	340	SmithKline Uts	430 †	+13	...	3.1	15.5
394	320	Smiths Ind	357 †	+1	11.2	3.9	14.6
140	79	Spirax Bus	83	...	3.3	5.1	7.8
403	265	Spandex	403	...	...	...	...
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	4.0	3.8	8.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	341	...	9.3	3.4	=
145	55	Spring Ram	80	-2	0.3	0.5	=
270	222	Staveley	231	...	8.2	4.4	13.2
147	126	Sterling Ind	137	...	5.6	5.1	17.3
20	11	Stonehill	17	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	144	+1	8.8	7.6	=
333	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	333	+2	...	2.7	=
7	5	Sycamore	6	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53 †	...	...	9.4	10.1
285	240	Syltone	265	...	9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T & N	169½	-1½	...	8.0	39.6
339	279	TI	330	...	...	4.1	18.2
18	12	TLS Range	13	...	...	2.5	...
283	218	TT Group	278	-2	6.0	2.7	16.6
249	220	Takare	237	...	1.8	0.9	=
815	618	Takeda Chem	799	-2	...	0.6	21.2
31	24	Tex Hldgs	29	...	...	...	...
94	70	Tinsley (E)	91	...	...	7.1	10.6
225	190	Titon	203	-6	...	2.2	17.5
271	221	Tomkins	226	+3	...	3.5	15.0
96½	67	Trafalgar H	96 †	+3	...	4.2	7.0
99½	65½	-do- 'A'	95½	+3	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	516	-9	16.0	4.0	12.8
190	159½	Triplex Lloyd	171	-1	7.0	5.1	15.7
253	221	UniChem	229	...	5.6	3.1	=
305	275½	Unidare	305	...	...	7.0	9.1
44	11½	Unigroup	42½	-½	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1058	-6	21.3	2.5	14.4
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7025	-87½	...	3.1	10.2
765	513	VSEL	765	+5	25.0	4.1	8.8
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
142	95½	Vickers	136	-1	...	1.4	...
367	303	Victaulic	325	...	7.3	3.0	=
364	283	Vinten	339 †	+2	7.0	2.6	=
541	427	Vosper Thorny	541	+7	13.1	3.0	13.1
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	2.9	9.4
468	410	Wagon Ind	433	...	...	4.9	16.8
86	71	Walker Greenbk	83	-2	3.1	4.8	20.7
250	201	Wassall	250	+3	2.5	1.2	25.2
35	22	Watford Widgerd	31½	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	618	-1	11.8	2.4	=
993	658	Wellcome	735	+16	13.0	2.2	20.9
23½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
295	260	West Hithcare	295	+1	...	1.6	18.9
495	460	Whatman	495	...	9.5	2.4	16.8
353	287	Whessoe	350	...	...	2.9	13.6
10½	4	Whewy	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	44	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
78	44	Wilkes (James)	78	+2	3.5	5.6	22.7
365	313	Williams Hldg	330	+3	12.5	4.7	17.3
31½	17	Wilshaw	30½	-1	0.4	1.7	25.1
620	533	Wolseley	615	+2	12.5	2.6	21.3
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
58	38	Young (H)	51	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1662½	...	...	3.8	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	1912½	-25	...	3.6	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	38	+3	4.4	14.5	18.5
148	122	Bradstock	124	-1	5.1	5.1	15.3
1475	1078	Britannic	1443	-2	33.5	2.9	...
641	561	Com Union	577	-9	...	5.3	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1450	...	...	1.6	24.0
25	18	FAI	24	...	...	...	...
619½	546	Gen Accident	577	-6	26.7	5.8	...
195	160	GRE	174	-1	7.0	5.0	14.4
370	293	Heath C E	319	+1	16.0	6.3	18.7
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	...	8.1	5.5	=
198	164	JIB Group	193	...	7.5	4.9	19.5
493	408½	Legal & Gen	454	-1	...	5.3	63.8
1026	768	Liberty Life	845	+1	...	3.4	14.6
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	433	-5	17.3	5.0	15.6
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	273	-1	5.6	2.6	20.1
368	274	Londn & Man	341	-3	14.2	5.2	=
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	347	...	12.6	4.5	13.8
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5775	-50	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	85	-2	...	7.6	=
68	50½	PWS	63	...	4.0	8.1	8.9
342	282½	Prudential	318	-1	...	4.7	21.2
1138	800	Refuge	1028	-5	31.5	3.8	28.5
332	258	Royal	304	-3	6.5	2.8	...
181	153	Sedgwick	170	...	6.0	4.4	20.5
261	205	Steel Burrill	207	...	13.2	8.0	=
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	58	+3	8.2	17.8	5.9
362	307	Sun Alliance	331	-5	14.2	5.4	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	58	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	283	...	12.0	5.3	26.3
773	499	Utd Friendly	710	...	14.5	2.6	=
208	171	Willis Corroon	187	+3	...	4.4	=
20	13½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1633	...	45.0	3.4	=
250	226½	Amer Trust	237½	+1½	4.9	2.6	49.3
346	304	Ang & O'seas	344	...	6.8	2.5	43.7
136½	124	BZW Conv	124	...	7.8	7.9	14.5
158	133½	Bankers	150	...	3.4	2.9	41.2
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
158	131	Berry Starq	158 †	...	2.2	1.7	51.4
106½	96½	Br Assets	99½	+½	...	5.4	24.0
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	...	0.8	1.7	67.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	167	...	4.5	3.4	=
164	130	Conti Asset	156	...	2.4	1.9	51.9
195	144	Derby Inc	147	+1	16.6	14.1	8.8
251	195	-do- Cap	250	...	...	...	...
123	90	Drayton Asia	122	...	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	69	...	8.4	15.0	7.4
64	35	-do- Cnr Intl	63	...	1.2	2.4	...
116	84	-do- Far East	116	+3	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	102	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	589	-1	25.4	5.4	27.1
582	513	-do- Wrldc	573	+1	9.5	2.1	59.0
271	222	Dundee & Lon	247	...	12.0	6.1	22.8
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	50	...	4.8	12.2	9.0
54	51½	-do- Dtr Pf	52½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	266	...	8.4	4.0	=
157	141	Electric Gen	157	+1	3.1	2.5	50.0
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	235	European Asset	244	...	...	3.1	29.7
93	77	Finsbury 'A'	93	...	3.0	4.0	29.9
280	248	Fleming Amer	269½	+1½	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claves	195	...	...	3.4	58.4
266	212	Do Conti	244	-1	2.7	1.4	=
171	147	-do- Emp	169	...	4.5	3.3	37.9
278	213	-do- F East	273	+1	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	100½	-do- Hi Inc	115½	+1	5.8	6.3	19.7
229	136	-do- Japan	214	+1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	252	...	6.7	3.3	=
251	212	-do- O'seas	242	...	4.0	2.1	57.8
229	203	Foreign & Col	229½	...	3.3	1.9	60.9
210	164	-do- Eurotst	195	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	96	...	0.4	0.5	...
262	191	-do- Pacific	262	+3	1.9	0.9	...
137½	116	-do- Smaller	135½	...	...	1.7	68.8
225	145	GT Japan	221	+1	...	0.7	...
120	65	Genl Cons Cap	120	...	...	...	...
129½	96½	-do- Inc	107	...	...	9.9	11.0
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	119	...	...	...	...
263	194	-do- Oriental	263 †	+2	0.9	0.5	=
246	207	-do- Strategy	240 †	...	...	3.5	33.1
373	340	Greenfriar	381	...	6.3	2.1	55.6
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	49½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
174	124	Inv Cap	124 †	...	5.1	5.1	24.0
92	77	IRS Uk Smllr	85½	...	2.8	4.2	=
151	156½	Kleinwort Chn	171½	...	5.0	3.6	35.4
203	176	-do- O'seas	199	+1	5.3	2.1	98.6
126	108	-do- Smlr	116	...	6.0	4.1	28.1
595	540	Law Debenture	571	-1	18.2	4.0	29.5
174	164	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	221	Merchants	240	...	10.6	5.5	22.3
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4307½	-187½	...	...	...
445	383	Monks Inv Tst	412	+2	0.7	2.0	55.5
126	105	Mntg Grm Inc	118	...	...	5.0	23.0
5	22	Do Warrants	14	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	47½	-½	0.1	0.3	=
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	304	+1	...	4.4	29.1
319	285	-do- Intl	290	...	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	280	-do- Small	295	...	4.0	1.7	63.6
103	90½	-do- S/C Inc	97 †	...	...	13.7	9.5
91	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2925 †	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	147½	...	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	244	...	...	5.3	10.3
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
85	68	Nwthrog Inc	78	...	6.7	10.3	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	285	+1	2.8	1.2	...
369	285	Pacific Assets	369	+7	1.1	0.4	...
272	187	Do Warrants	272	+8	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
131	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	131	+1	1.1	1.1	59.3
123	108	River & Merc	115	+1	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	380	...	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	378	...	...	2.1	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
148½	131	Scot American	139½	+½	4.3	4.0	29.1
200	136	Scott Asian	199 ‡	+1	...	...	...
365	225	do Warrants	365	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	70	...	1.5	2.7	46.0
201	183	Scottish	198	...	4.6	3.0	40.4
201	178	-do- Mrge	189½	-½	4.0	2.7	=
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.9	56.0
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1430	...	36.5	3.2	38.4
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	80 †	...	3.2	5.1	=
130	107½	Selective Asset	131	...	1.2	1.2	43.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	21	...	3.1	18.5	6.6
139	112	TR Far East	132	...	4.5	4.3	28.7
140½	126	TR Cty Of Lon	134	+½	4.7	4.4	28.1
141	110	TR Pacific	136	+2	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	21½	...	1.4	...	64.0
69	47	TR Tech Inv	53	...	1.7	4.1	26.3
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	166	+1	3.7	2.8	48.6
315	283	Temple Bar	301	...	13.2	5.5	22.7
90	69	Thrgm Asian B	86 †	...	0.5	0.7	...
67½	54	Throgmorton	67½	+1	3.3	4.3	27.6
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	413	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	192	...	4.5	2.9	35.3
95	78½	Value Inc Tst	95	...	3.6	4.8	=
598	562	Whitbread Inv	575	-1	16.5	3.7	=
198	181	Witan	189½	-½	5.6	3.7	33.2
205	185	Sunrise Eng Sr	185	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	6	...	...	...	3.9
41	23	Triton Europe	24	...	...	...	5.4
11	6½	Villiers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	158	-1	...	2.3	...

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	289	Airtours	305	-3	7.2	3.0	10.2
60	42	Ald Leis	57	+4	4.7	...	16.3
279	194	Anglia TV	279	+1	...	4.1	12.9
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	214	...	10.0	6.0	13.4
1200	900	Boosey Hwks	1190 †	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
106	90	Border TV	106	...	...	3.2	13.9
16½	4½	Brent Walker	13½	+1	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	6½	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	144	...	12.0	10.4	=
197	171	Capital Radio	187	-1	5.2	3.5	21.8
818	718	Carlton Comm	728	+1	17.0	2.9	21.5
200	158	Castle Comms	181	...	...	5.9	16.5
1879	1615	Central TV	1878 †	+13	38.0	2.5	20.5
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	494	Compass Gp	525	+19	12.3	2.9	14.9
350	218	Eurocamp	242	...	9.7	5.0	10.0
1180	710	Euro Disney	803	-22	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	5½	...	...	...	...
23	18	Ex-Lands	20	...	...	...	...
341	245	Fairline Boats	341	...	10.5	3.8	...
378	320	First Leisure	355	+2	6.1	2.2	34.0
315	298	GWR Gp	308	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	173 †	...	6.1	4.4	=
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	43	...	...	...	19.1
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	39	...	5.5	...	2.5
12	9½	Kunick	11½	...	...	...	...
394	282	LWT CP	390	-1	4.9	1.6	=
475	327	Man Utd	445	...	18.0	5.1	15.3
148	90½	Owners Abrd	96	+1	3.5	4.6	7.7
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.3	16.6
130	55	Prism Leisure	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	18	+1	4.0	...	2.7
318	289	Radio Clyde	289	...	...	3.7	22.6
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	166	-1	...	3.4	22.0
502	431	Scot TV	463	+1	9.9	2.7	22.3
60	41	Southern Radio	45	...	0.7	2.2	18.7
229	168	Stanley Leisure	215	+5	...	2.4	18.2
9	5½	Sunleigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	=
221	190	Thames TV	196	...	2.5	1.6	=
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	103	+14	...	...	5.5
78	44	Trans World	72	...	...	1.4	26.3
374	224	Ulster TV	369 †	...	10.0	3.4	11.3
22	13½	Wembley	18	...	0.2	1.4	...
31	7½	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	172	...	12.0	8.7	5.2
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4050	1800	Am Gold	4050	+37½	...	5.1	=
1337½	1015½	Ang Am Coal	1325	-12½	...	7.3	=
1887½	1125	Ang Am	1887½	+25	...	3.7	13.0
18½	9½	Anglo Pac Res	16½	-½	...	...	...
111	33	Blyvoors	103	+2	...	5.9	5.1
34	18	Bracken	34	...	...	...	1.9
681	233	Buffels	675	+18	...	5.8	16.7
2	1	Butte	1½	+½	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	592	-14	...	3.5	=
35½	11	Cliff Res	35½	+3½	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1143½	+6½	...	4.2	15.4
83	37½	Deelkraal	83	+3	...	7.3	4.5
47	7	Doornfontein	47	+2	...	...	...
725	388	Driefontein	723	+19	...	4.6	13.3
400	120	Durban	400	+2	...	...	...
96	47	E Rand Gold	95	-1	...	12.6	=
141	62	E Dagga	137	-3	...	...	11.4
236	54	E Rand Prop	236	+9	...	...	...
345	117	Elandsrand	345	+29	...	3.5	8.0
664	282	FS Cons	660	+11	...	7.8	=
40	8	FS Dev	40	+6	...	...	...
1450	725	GFSA	1450	+43	...	2.8	22.8
168	125	Gencor	162 †	-4	...	6.1	12.6
56	35½	GM Kalgoorli	55½	-½	...	2.5	13.6
19½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	+1½	...	...	...
135	49	Grootvlei	135	+7	...	7.6	8.0
290	78	Harmony	280	+4	...	...	...
306	87	Harties	306	+11	...	...	11.9
14	8½	Inocon	9½	...	...	...	...
896	491	Impala Plat	896	+17	...	...	20.2
13½	6	Kenmare Res	10½	...	...	...	...
730	332	Kinross	730	+16	...	6.9	8.0
712	319	Kloof	712	+10	...	2.5	12.0
83	25	Leslie	83	...	...	5.1	8.2
65	13	Loraine	65	...	...	...	...
116½	89	MIM	89½	-5	...	2.6	40.8
1050	820	Minorco	1040	-6	...	3.6	12.3
123½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	109½	-2	...	4.5	=
1800	610	Orange Free	1712½	-46½	...	7.7	=
709	607	RTZ	639	-3	19.5	4.1	27.9
550	425	Rand Mines	525	...	...	11.6	2.3
133	85	Rand Min Prp	130 †	+10	...	13.0	6.2
448	150	Randfontein	430	+8	...	4.0	6.5
163	115	Renison	157	-5	...	2.9	15.2
1150	850	Rustnbrg	1150	+25	...	4.0	18.0
554	191	St Helena	545	+5	...	4.4	11.2
1250	475	Southvaal	1250	+16	...	4.6	21.5
82	18	Stilfontein	81	...	...	7.9	13.9
157	58	Unisel	127	...	...	2.4	12.3
4325	1800	Vaal Reefs	4325	+25	...	5.1	7.4
468	154	Welkom	450	+4	...	7.2	13.9
143	26	Western Areas	143	+10	...	...	...
1600	587½	Western Deep	1575	...	...	4.0	7.2
247	176	Wstrn Mining	241	-4	...	...	...
762	323	Winkels	730	+8	...	1.4	5.9
84	56	Zambia Copper	67	+5	...	...	...
42	18	Zandpan	42	...	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	5.2	5.7	...
280	203	Beechley Mtr	273 †	-2	8.8	4.0	=
150	120	Bostrom	149	...	6.0	5.0	26.4
338	165	Br Aerospace	316	+2	7.0	2.8	...
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9	+½	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr	124	...	...	4.0	31.5
29	18	Cook (DC)	26	...	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	227	...	6.2	3.4	17.3
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	=
147	106	Davnprt Vern	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	212	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	111	...	...	1.7	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	284	+3	11.2	5.0	43.8
290	226	FR Group	271	...	7.2	3.4	=
3631½	2843½	Ford Motor	3487½	-100	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2543½	-100	...	2.0	...
51	38	Gowrings	50	...	2.0	5.0	=
148	85	Henlys	148	...	3.0	2.5	...
875	650	Honda Motor	832	+5	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.1	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	136	+1	3.3	3.1	=
344	281	Lex Service	338	...	10.6	3.9	=
117	85	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
192	126	Lucas	138	-1	7.0	6.3	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	263	...	...	3.2	21.3
176	106	Perry Gp	176 †	...	6.0	4.3	=
153	108	Quicks Group	140	...	4.5	3.8	=
159½	99	Rolls-Royce	147	-1	...	4.3	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
183	121	Westland	166	+1	4.2	3.2	14.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	101	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	=
608	488	Blenheim Gp	543	+5	...	2.1	20.1
360	275	Bristol	360	...	11.5	4.0	26.7
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9075	...	130	1.8	20.4
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075	...	130	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	256	...	...	1.5	24.5
373	328	EMAP	354	...	...	2.6	23.0
1023	873	Euromoney Pb	1023	...	29.5	3.6	22.8
237	170	Harrington K	207	...	4.5	2.8	16.7
358	233	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
288	236	Headline	288	...	4.5	2.0	=
140	103	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	=
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	9	-½	...	...	=
8	6½	Ini Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	520	...	...	4.1	14.0
538	395	Johnston Press	538	...	6.2	1.5	23.3
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
143	88	Mirror Gp.	140	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	344	-11	...	0.3	23.1
240	169	News Intl	225	...	...	0.5	15.6
451	354	Pearson	451	+3	...	3.3	27.5
668	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
686	618	Reed Int	649	-3	...	3.3	28.2
146	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
135	90	Sterling Pubs	135	...	...	2.3	44.5
373	328	Telegraph	373	+1	...	7.7	15.7
825	715	Thomson Corp	735 †	-22	25.4	4.3	=
380	313	Trinity Intl	380	...	8.5	3.1	21.0
39	34	Unll Groups	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspprs	586	...	...	4.6	14.6

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	9½	Aberdeen Petl	17½	...	...	...	...
34	17	Aran Energy	34	...	...	...	=
61	43	Arcon Intl	53	-1	...	...	...
61	41½	Aust Oil & Gas	57½	+½	...	...	...
66	26	Aviva Pet	59	...	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	...	0.6	...
183	145	Br Borneo	150	...	7.1	5.9	4.5
326	276	British Gas	297½	-1½	14.2	6.0	14.2
326	285	Br Petroleum	316½	-4	10.5	4.1	49.9
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	673	Burmah Castrl	717	-1	...	4.4	17.5
65	32	Cairn Energy	64	-1	...	...	9.2
266	221	Calor Gp	246	-3	...	6.3	20.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	-½	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	32	-2	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	482	+1	16.0	4.1	59.5
88	55	Exp Co Louis	70	...	...	...	...
34½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	31	...	...	1.8	11.6
67	45	Goal Pet	58	+½	1.4	3.5	9.7
35	16	Gt Western Res	32	+1	...	...	...
166	108	Hardy O & G	166	+2	1.0	0.8	52.1
40	18½	Itch Energy	37	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	154	+1½	3.3	2.7	31.2
103	63	-do- Units	77	-2	11.4	15.4	...
24	14½	Mid Scot Res	19	...	...	...	...
49½	34	Monument	46½	...	...	...	4.5
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
35	27	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Petrol	13½	...	...	...	...
110	99	Pict Pet	104	...	...	...	14.4
29	18	Premier	27½	+½	...	...	10.2
115	91	Presidio	105	...	...	...	5.5
368	290	Ranger	295	...	...	...	5.4
6950	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5475	-50	...	5.5	13.7
4312½	3600	Schlumberger	4312½	+100	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
614	515	Shell	607½	-1½	21.9	4.5	18.7
18½	9½	Aberdeen Petl	17½	...	...	...	...

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323	249	API	323	...	7.5	2.9	27.8
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	179	-4	...	4.5	17.7
502	408	Abbott Mead	501	...	9.3	2.3	=
7½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	30	...	1.3	5.7	...
212	155	Aspen Comns	190	...	...	3.2	17.3
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
339	234½	Bemrose	336 †	+1	...	4.4	13.8
37	15	Birkdale	22	+2	0.2	1.1	18.6
138	118	Bunzl	131	-1	4.0	3.8	=
287	257	CIA Gp	257	...	...	2.1	16.2
257	116	Capital Inds	257	...	...	1.9	19.2
54	44	City of Lon	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (Jmes)	214	...	3.0	1.8	34.4
6	6	Crown Com	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	111	...	4.5	5.1	27.4
56	42	Dudley Jenkins	56	...	...	...	14.4
14½	12½	Elswick	14½	...	0.2	...	12.0
67	41	Fairway Group	64	...	...	6.2	18.9
298	271	Ferguson Intl	298	...	12.5	5.2	17.2
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	=
107	74	Filofax	101	...	...	0.5	25.3
20	14	Flitch	18	+½	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons	95	...	...	6.6	18.6
295	247	Gold Greenless	279	...	...	3.2	21.6
41	20	Goodhead	25	-1	0.5	2.5	...
88	43	Hunterprint	80	-4	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	185	...	7.4	5.1	12.2
234	191	Jarvis Porter	234	...	4.4	2.4	25.5
29½	15½	Lopex	29	+1	...	...	=
274	175	More O'Ferrall	268	+1	13.2	6.2	=
85	48	NMC Group	83	+2	1.2	...	16.4
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
234	167	Quarto	230 †	...	5.3	2.7	=
347	319	St Ives Gp	320 †	-3	5.2	2.1	21.8
198	152	Saatchi	173	-1	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	411	...	...	3.9	=
19½	11½	Serif	13½	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	22	...	...	...	...
354	294	Smith David	351	-1	9.5	3.4	15.5
295	240	Smurfit (Jeff)	258	-3	...	1.8	=
245	183	Stat-Plus	245	...	8.0	4.1	=
24	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½	...	0.3	1.6	=
53	38	VTR	53 †	+3	...	8.0	15.1
74	40	WPP	72	...	...	1.7	...
125	62	Wace	114	-2	2.2	2.5	=
221	203	Waddington (J)	216	...	7.9	4.6	16.3
660	540	Warmough	660	...	11.5	2.2	25.9
6½	4½	Westport	5½	-½	...	...	19.2
21	12	Whitney Mck	21	+1	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	64	+1	3.5	6.9	55.2
61	58	Arcadian	61	...	...	...	...
73	54	Asda	70	...	2.1	3.8	7.2
130	88	Avonside	125	...	4.0	4.0	=
2637½	2062½	BCE	2275	+12½	...	...	...
535	396	Billton	508	...	18.9	4.7	18.4
34	23	Bourne End	34	+4	1.0	3.8	...
194	150	Bradford	194	+2	4.4	2.9	17.6
23	12	Bredero	19	...	...	...	1.8
284	176	Br Land	282	+2	6.3	2.8	26.0
198	153	Brixton	186	+1	8.3	5.8	=
68	45	Burford	59	...	...	2.4	...
151	99	Cap & Regnl	150 †	...	...	0.9	=
150	120	Cardiff Prop	150	...	2.4	2.0	...
270	196	Chesterfield	270	+7	18.5	...	19.1
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3.0
14	10	Clayform	12½	+½	...	...	...
1080	818	Daejan	1075	...	25.0	2.9	18.8
3	1½	Dares Estates	2½	+½	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Twsn	78	+3	2.5	4.0	28.3
12	4	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
108	76	Dencora	108	...	3.0	3.6	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	413	...	8.6	2.6	51.5
225	170	Estates Agency	220	...	3.0	...	20.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
84	72	Evonbrook	80	...	2.7	4.4	8.5
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	139	...	4.1	3.7	13.3
24	11	Five Oaks	22½	+½	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	386	...	15.0	4.9	21.8
140	97	Grainger	128	-1	5.2	5.1	28.6
173	120	Gr Portland	173	+2	10.0	7.2	17.2
27	7½	Greycoat	20	+1	5.2	...	...
132	101	HK Land	132	...	...	5.0	=
74	35	Hambro Cntyw	73	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	344 †	...	10.0	3.6	33.1
382	245	-do- 'A'	305 †	+4	...	4.1	28.4
204	127	Helical Bar	204	...	...	2.9	...
26	19	Hemingway	22	...	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	59 †	...	3.7	7.9	=
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
555	435	Land Sec	548	+3	...	5.4	15.8
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	85	...	3.8	5.6	13.3
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
419	334	MEPC	418	...	20.0	6.0	12.5
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	8.7	...	...
7½	3	Markheath	7½	+½	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	41	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
35	30	Mondfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
880	775	Mountview	825	...	18.0	2.8	8.4
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	132 †	...	5.9	5.6	18.8
40	30	Olive Hldgs	30	...	9.0	...	4.0
10½	4	Ossory Est	6½	...	0.1	...	1.8
123	88	PSIT	115	...	3.7	6.1	22.9
201	138	Peel	174	...	3.0	2.2	...
16	8	Power Corp	9	...	...	...	1.8
39	22	Property Trust	30	...	...	...	...
3	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	27	...	1.5	6.8	5.3
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	21.4
33	16	St Modwen Prp	30½	...	0.6	2.5	23.2
61	39	Savills	58	+2	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	58	...	1.5	...	...
82	39	Shaftesbury	82	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12	-½	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #	...	...	1.9	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	194	...	...	5.2	13.6
74	56	Southend Prop	70	+2	4.1	7.5	18.3
16	7	Speyhawk	13½	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps	25	...	...	...	...
157	114	Tops Ests	154	...	2.0	1.6	39.1
101	79	Town Centre	100	...	3.1	3.9	18.7
65	43	Trafford Park	60	...	2.5	5.4	16.2
38	8	UK Land	22	+1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
224	180	Warner	222	...	10.5	6.1	19.6
199	168	Warnford	188	...	7.2	4.8	13.1
8	5½	Waterglade	6½	-½	...	...	...
55	35	Wales	55	...	0.7	1.8	...
72	40	Wood John Dv	72	+1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	18	...	...	...	...
147	86	Headlam	138	...	...	2.4	=
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	=
100	78	Pittard Garnar	79	...	2.0	3.2	22.6
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
150	89	Stylo	135	+4	3.0	2.8	=
55	53	UK Safety	55	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.2
69	54	Beckman (A)	58	...	4.7	...	11.5
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	=
153	89	Celestion	149 †	...	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Chartwell	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	339	+1	7.2	2.5	21.2
601	522	Courtauld Text	534	+6	13.6	3.2	14.8
53½	24½	Cupid	33	...	...	13.5	1.9
248½	221	Dawson	231	...	9.0	4.9	22.5
30	22	Drummond	22	...	1.5	...	7.1
37½	27	Dunkeld	29	+1	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
110	82	Gaskell	110	...	4.2	5.3	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	173	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	50	...	...	...	...
337	249	Lamont	336	...	12.0	4.6	21.7
459	353½	Leeds	459	+7	...	2.0	22.1
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	78 †	...	4.9	7.9	8.9
128	69	Parkland 'A'	128	+3	2.0	2.0	...
102	82	Readicut	102	...	3.4	4.2	20.2
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.5
60	44	Stirling Gp	60	...	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
312	250	Tomkinsons	305	...	11.5	4.8	25.0
62½	32½	West Trust	39	...	...	8.0	...
417	252	Yorklyde	401	...	10.4	3.3	=

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	825	BAT	868	...	...	5.4	18.9
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	646	-3	10.2	2.0	14.5

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
416	344	Assoc Br Ports	414	-1	...	2.6	...
813	732	BAA	747	-2	14.5	2.4	22.2
311	260	Br Airways	297	-6½	...	4.5	1.9
81	56	Clarkson (H)	75	+1	1.5	2.5	...
25	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	394	-1	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.4
138	126	Gnale	128	...	4.5	4.4	...
181	147	IoM Steam	180	...	...	5.6	9.4
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
77	41	Lon O'seas Frts	70	...	1.2	2.0	4.5
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	330	+1	7.5	2.4	21.1
210	181	Natl Express	227	...	...	4.5	=
294	238	NFC	246	...	0.5	3.3	18.7
302	244	Ocean Group	254	+6	14.2	7.1	...
53	41	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.5
627	504	P & O Dfd	595	+2	...	6.5	10.7
142	127	P & O 5 1/2%	141	...	...	4.9	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	530	+4	22.6	5.3	21.2
139	117	Seacon	135	+1	...	4.1	8.5
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	12.1
45½	31½	TNT	42½	-1	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	748	+3	11.8	2.0	28.7
392	173	Tiphook	249	+3	17.3	8.7	6.9
259	240	TDG	240	...	9.5	4.9	=

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
753	460	Anglian Water	472	-7	19.3	5.1	5.5
652	547	Northumbrian	590	-7	20.5	4.3	6.1
533	440	North West	463	-3	19.6	5.1	5.5
535	439	Severn Trent	478	-3	19.3	5.0	5.6
554	454	Sthrn Water	495	-2	19.5	5.0	8.0
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1520	...	40.2	3.5	6.5
569	467	South West	499	-4	21.7	5.4	5.5
563	464	Thames Water	495	-2	19.3	4.9	9.4
612	506	Welsh Water	555	-1	21.4	4.8	6.4
609	536	Wessex Water	572	-9	...	4.3	...
591	506	Yorkshire W	516	-6	19.5	4.7	5.4

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Big factor for small firms needing cash

BY DEREK HARRIS

WITH bank lending for small businesses a tough proposition, factoring and invoice discounting has become more fashionable as a source of working capital. The Confederation of British Industry is the latest to point to factoring as a useful additional way to raise cash.

Century, a factoring company, which is part of the Close Brothers merchant banking and financial services group, has already had a good response to a series of seminars to show how factoring can help raise funding for management buy-outs and buy-ins.

Century decided on the speciality because this route to the creation of smaller businesses by selling off parts of bigger companies, is expected to be used increasingly as the economy revives.

Five Century seminars have each attracted more than 100 delegates, including professionals such as accountants and company managers. Century is planning more, including Reading on June 9, Luton, June 30, and Bristol, July 21, (more details: telephone 0635 248258). So far Century has provided working capital, while investors have put up the backing to achieve the buy-out.

The main worry over small firms' funding is about their likely needs as they face investing more to meet rising sales after the recession. The expanded government loan guarantee scheme, which operates from July, is expected to have a useful, but not large, impact in stimulating funding packages involving the banks.

A factoring company puts up immediate cash as a proportion of the value of the invoices sent out by a business. The rest is paid over when the bill has been paid. Currently, the cash advance would carry interest of only 3 per cent over base rate. There is a factoring charge, but the factor looks after the sales ledger and calls in bill payments — much more quickly than the national average, it is claimed. A key advantage of invoice discounting is that the cash flow available goes up as sales rise.

MR FRIDAY ON TUESDAY



"No! Because I am continually interrupted by people like you!"

Language lessons on the line

BY ALAN JABEZ

KARINE Hetherington hit on what she thought was a good idea. She was fluent in French and passable in German, Spanish and Italian so she decided to establish her own language school — with a difference. The crucial notion was to give tuition by telephone rather than the more conventional language training methods.

There would be no distractions or wasted time getting to classes, which should have a special appeal for busy business executives. Lessons could be arranged for almost any time and courses could be tailored to individual needs.

Her bank manager provided the first hurdle even though this was the late-1980s when the enterprise era was sparkling. She raised £5,000 from a variety of sources, got help from the London Enterprise Agency and established Speak-Easy Tele-Language.

She started designing French courses and then met the next hurdle: it was hard to convince anybody of the benefits of learning a language using the telephone. Yet this is a common method in some countries.

In her first year, there were few takers for her courses. She said: "My phone hardly rang. I'd get desperately gloomy and regularly thought of giving up."

Then came two important breaks. She found a private investor keen on telephone training who gave her much needed funding. Then she won an innovation award from BT that generated publicity and helped her find more clients.



Phonetic French: Karine Hetherington moved her business to an office on HMS President

This upturn in fortunes allowed her to move into an office on board HMS President, the educational training ship, moored on the River Thames in central London. Another important move was exhibiting at the London Language Show. She placed a full-size red telephone box on her stand to attract attention. Initially, Ms Hetherington did all the training herself. Each lesson lasted 20 minutes and a course would consist of between 30 and 60 calls.

She started getting company calls arising from word-of-mouth recommendations and as the client list extended she employed other teachers and trained them in telephone techniques.

Now there are 30 teachers on the books and 2,000 students have passed through the school.

She believes one of the main reasons for her success has been customer care. She sends a monthly report to all clients detailing their progress and after course completion she periodically gets in touch to see if they need further training. New ideas have helped her keep afloat in the recession as companies cut back on language training. She said: "You've always got to be searching for something new as well as constantly looking at what the competition is up to."

BRIEFINGS

Durham Business Club, which produced nationally-distributed guides for start-up businesses and owner-managers, has now created a book-keeping system. It is manual and modular so a business buys only the operations it needs.

The club, which provides a regional meeting point for 250 small business members, produced the two earlier guides as a *Your Business Success* series with funding from the trade department.

The department has given the system its blessing, but no funding, so the cost of the basic system, including instruction book and cash and bank records, is £19.50 plus VAT. Additional modules, ranging from VAT records to payroll, cost from about £3.50. A full purchase ledger is £17.95. Contact: Business Club, West Pelton House, West Pelton, Stanley, County Durham DH9 6SG; 091 370 2266.

☐ Eddy, a business counselling service run by Edwina Hughes near Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, is organising a three-day workshop next week aimed at building clear and realistic business plans. It starts on Tuesday May 25 at Hampton Wick and is structured to clarify business ideas and objectives as well as personal goals. Cost is £195 ex-VAT. Inquiries: telephone 081 977 8254.

☐ South London Training and Enterprise Council, which covers the London boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Croydon and Sutton, has launched a freephone business helpline for giving information and advice. It is 0800 252 822.

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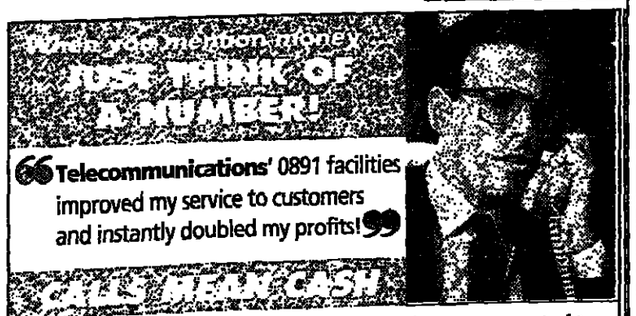
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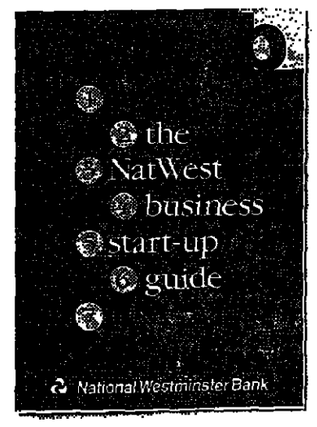
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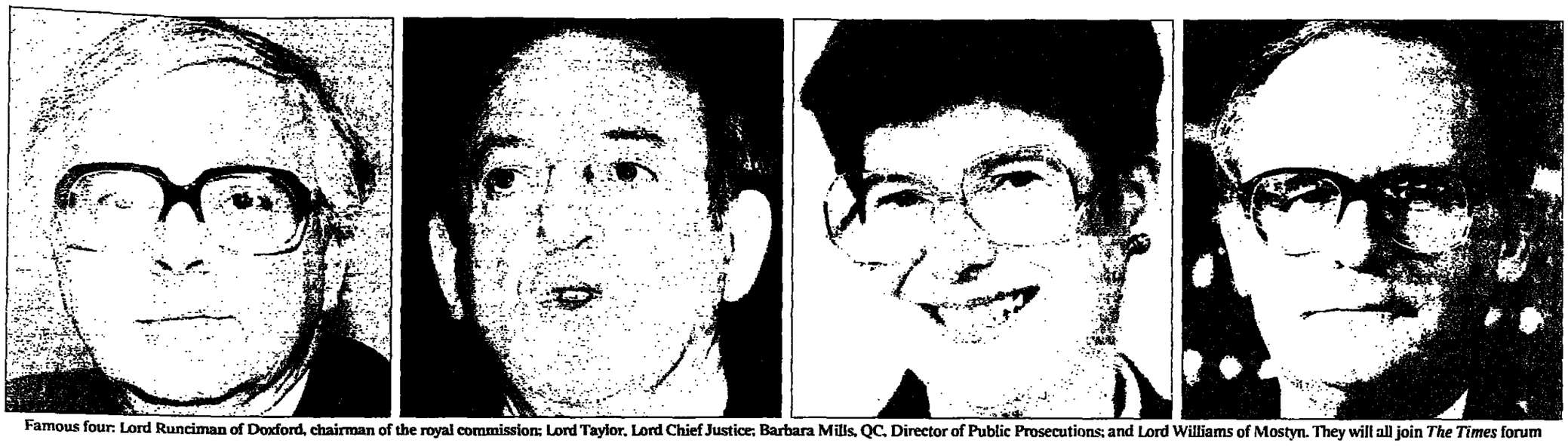
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What should the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice recommend on legal reform? **Frances Gibb** introduces *The Times* forum



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Climate of change

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice will outline its agenda for tackling the crisis of public confidence in the criminal justice system in the next two months.

A number of key reforms is predicted: a new independent tribunal to deal with appeals alleging miscarriage of justice; a formal system of plea-bargaining or sentence discounts for guilty pleas; a new requirement on the defence to disclose its case at an early stage (seen by some as an inroad into the right to silence); scrapping of committal proceedings; a new independent forensic science service, and tougher rules to raise standards throughout the criminal justice system, from police files to legal advice in police stations.

Yet, as the countdown to publication continues, there is concern that with the changed climate of public opinion on law and order, the commission's recipe for reform may be markedly changed from what was originally expected. That, in turn, is prompting fears of a changed government attitude: the reformist lobby believes ministers may not view the commission's findings with quite the same urgency they had when setting up the commission in the first place.

The commission was given the widest of briefs by the then home secretary, Kenneth Baker, in the midst of a series of miscarriages of justice. There was widespread public disquiet over the quashing of convictions on first the Guildford Four after 17 years and then the Birmingham Six.

Questions were raised about the entire criminal process, from police investigation through to prosecution, the court process and, finally, about the appeals machinery.

> Should the adversarial system be thrown out?

It went further: should the whole basis of the criminal justice system — the adversarial system — be thrown out and replaced with something akin to the continental inquisitorial system? Yet, since then, public opinion on law and order, as one government minister put it, has "turned a cartwheel" and concern about the rights of the defendant in the criminal justice process is increasingly eclipsed by calls for tougher action on criminals. At the same time, the commission finds itself in the crossfire of different ministers' views on what should be done. Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), has called publicly, for example, for the abolition of a defendant's right to elect jury trial. Both the DPP and the Attorney-General want to end the spectacle of millions of pounds being wasted in crown court trials that are aborted when a defendant changes a plea to guilty at the last minute.

Yet privately, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, has made clear his total opposition to a change that would lock him in public battle with the Law Society and the Bar, both firmly against the idea. While the debate rages on, it is now looking likely that the commission will take the pragmatic line and keep the defendant's right of election. Yet a question still remains over whether, instead, it will put forward proposals to tackle the problem of large numbers of small cases going up to to the crown court by removing the right to jury trial for certain offences.

A second controversial area is that of confession evidence and whether uncorroborated confessions should be admissible as evidence at trial. Confessions have been at the heart of some of the miscarriages of justice; and research for the commission by Professor Mike McConville found corroborative evidence existed in most confession cases anyway.

Yet the commission, again taking the pragmatic line, is not expected to outlaw uncorroborated evidence. To do so in every case, the prosecuting authorities have argued, would be costly and time-consuming. A compromise proposal, such as tightening the warnings to juries about convicting where evidence is not corroborated, is more likely to emerge.

In all, some of the original sweeping and fundamental issues, such as "adversarial versus inquisitorial", seem to have been superseded by more specific questions addressing what can be practically achieved.

The commission, no doubt, still seeks to steer a line between competing claims, balancing the safeguarding of suspects' rights with the need to prosecute crime effectively. Yet, fears remain that, with a different political climate, the government will pick the "best" fruits from its basket of recommendations and ignore the rest.

● *These issues will be among those discussed at* The Times/*LSE Mannheim Centre forum in July*

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Reform agenda shifts

Researchers believe bureaucrats are hijacking the commission

Lawyers, academics and civil liberties campaigners are becoming increasingly concerned that the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice is moving away from its original purpose of recommending ways of preventing miscarriages of justice.

Among the issues held paramount in the creation of the commission was improving suspects' rights while being questioned in a police station and a speeding-up of the investigation of suspected wrongful convictions to get the innocent released as quickly as possible.

Yet there are fears that the purpose of the commission is being subverted by a Home Office agenda based on what it sees as administrative efficiency rather than justice. Roger Smith, the director of the Legal Action Group, says the Home Office is directing the commission away from the issues it was set up to tackle.

In particular, rights groups are concerned that the question of a suspect's right to silence was included in the terms of reference. Mr Smith says: "The right to silence should not have come under consideration. The only thing wrong with the right to silence is that it wasn't exercised in many miscarriage cases." John Wadham, legal officer of Liberty, the civil rights group, fears that recent press reports indicate a shift by the commission to a stance where suspects' rights will be reduced. "We are beginning to see perhaps an Establishment backlash against improving the rights of suspects in the criminal justice system."

> 'The right to silence should not have been reconsidered'

Lee Bridges, a committee member of the Legal Action Group, voiced similar concerns. "I fear that the royal commission report is being written not in the shadow of Guildford Four and Birmingham Six, but in the shadow of Guinness and Blue Arrow. The commission seems to have become captured by a Home Office and legal profession agenda and has been diverted away from the real issue of miscarriages of justice," he says.

His worry is that the commission is not expected to require that confessions must be corroborated by other evidence, despite research by Professor Mike McConville, of Warwick University, showing that the condition would not be onerous. The police already support confessions with other evidence in nine out of 10 cases.

There are also worries about the prospect of a formal system of plea-bargaining or sentence discounts for guilty pleas. Gareth Peirce, the London solicitor who acted for Gerard Conlon, one of the Guildford Four, maintains that formal plea-bargaining would put an official premium on a guilty plea: "It would inevitably lead to an increase in the practice of overcharging, which is done to induce an innocent defendant to plead guilty to a lesser charge."

There is also a belief among researchers such as McConville and Lee Bridges that the research to support the case for introducing formal plea-bargaining is partly flawed. They have publicly questioned a crown court survey carried out in 1992 by a commission member, Michael Zander, Professor of Law at the London School of Economics, which showed that two out of three judges and 90 per cent of barristers supported the plea-bargaining. He has publicly rejected their criticisms.

There is then the question of the poor publicity given by the Home Office to research reports produced by independent academics for the commission. Journalists have complained that they have received press releases on the findings of research at the last minute, with no or little prior warning. Researchers maintain publicity has been handled so badly that they have been forced to carry out their own publicity campaigns.

Mike McConville, who wrote two studies on the controversial subject of the quality of legal advice in police stations and intimidation during police questioning of suspects, says: "Many journalists have phoned me up and asked why the reports weren't in their hands."

Barry Irving, the director of the Police Foundation, says research is being treated as a "sideshow". He suspects that the commission does not want to be bound by research findings.

SEAN WEBSTER

● *The author writes for* Solicitors Journal

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No means feat

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Salaries in the South West appear to have overtaken those in the South East, which has been particularly hard-hit by the recession. The larger West Country firms in particular have maintained salary increases for their staff. In the Midlands, salary bands have widened, with some firms paying junior staff less than last year and others paying well above average to attract specialists.

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No penalty imposed for contempt of court

Guildford Borough Council v Valler and Others

Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment April 20]

Any conscious non-compliance with an order of the court was a contempt of court but only deliberate or wilful contempt could attract imprisonment or sequestration of assets.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing Guildford Borough Council an order committing the defendants, Charmaine Valler, also known as Smith, Mary Valler and Lilian Valler to prison for being in breach of an injunction granted by Mr Justice Buckley on July 2, 1992 restraining them along with 23 other defendants from stationing caravans and/or mobile homes on a plot of land alongside the railway line at East Shalford, near Guildford.

Mr James Pavry for the council; Mr Jonathan Clay for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the defendants were lawfully upon the land in that some of them owned plots of land on the site and the others were there by leave and licence of those who were owners.

But the use of the land as a caravan site was in breach of planning controls and the council obtained an injunction pursuant to section 187B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1992, but not to take effect until three months later. The three defendants were still living on the site and were therefore using the land as a residential caravan site, in prima facie breach of the injunction. Mr Pavry moved for orders of committal, accepting that if he obtained them they ought to be suspended on appropriate terms.

His Lordship said that it was common ground that the defendants had nowhere else to go. They had made every reasonable endeavour to find an alternative site. It was entirely reasonable that they should be seeking to stay together.

The alternative was not only to give up their way of life. It was to present themselves to the council as homeless persons, which they would be if they left the site and it would hardly lie in the council's mouth to say that they were voluntarily homeless.

The first question was whether the defendants were in those circumstances in contempt of court. Mr Pavry eschewing the word "contumacious", submitted that it was sufficient that their continued presence on the site was not accidental and in that sense was intentional.

Mr Clay said their presence was not intentional. Their intention was to go and it was being frustrated by events beyond their control. Alternatively, he submitted, if their continued presence was intentional in the sense that it was non-accidental, it certainly did not reach the standard of "obstinate disregard" of a court order without which only costs or a nominal fine were appropriate.

What was the requisite mental element if non-compliance with such an order, which was conceded to be mandatory in effect although negative in form, was to amount to a contempt for which the contemnor might be committed to prison?

Although in civil proceedings it was one party, ordinarily the plaintiff, who brought the breach to the notice of the court and did so out of self-interest in support of a legal right, imprisonment was today, in his Lordship's judgment, a function of the state in aid of administration of justice and not a function or aspect of private law rights.

The latter did no more than give a plaintiff the *locus standi* to bring a breach to the attention of the court, albeit that was done for the legitimate private ends of the plaintiff.

The distinction between civil and criminal contempt was of course historically important and might be analytically useful, but in terms of substantive law it was today academic.

His Lordship was unable to accept that committal on the motion of an antagonist in civil proceedings was in any admissible sense the private law right which the older *dicta* suggested it was. To all intents and purposes it was a form of private prosecution.

The High Court's power of committal for contempt was governed by Order 45, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court 1965. It was the general opinion of the commentators that the omission of the word "wilful" which featured in one of the predecessors of that rule had not modified the requirement of the common law that a breach of an order had to be wilful to come within the rule.

The position was, his Lordship thought, well summarised in *Halsbury's Laws of England* (4th edition, volume 9, paragraph 53). Although the edition was almost 20 years old, subsequent cases, in particular *Heatons Transport (St Helens) Ltd v Transport and General Workers' Union* ([1973] AC 15), showed it still to be an accurate statement of the law.

Therefore, notwithstanding the fact that the defendants, through no fault of their own, had nowhere else to go, they were in breach of the order of Mr Justice Buckley by continuing to live on the site in their caravans. In that initial sense they were in contempt of court.

However, the court's powers were not at large once a contempt had been proved. Before the power of committal could be invoked, the court had to be satisfied, to the criminal standard of proof, that the defendant had disobeyed the order, if it was negative, or, if it was mandatory, had refused or neglected to comply with it. To meet any of the criteria for committal, a deliberate breach had to be established.

In sub-rule (1)(a) the words "refuses or neglects" both implied that it had been within the reasonable capacity of the defendant to comply with the order; and sub-rule (1)(b) by using the word "disobeys" carried a corresponding implication. Different tests or standards of intent or wilfulness could not possibly be envisaged in the two limbs of the sub-rule.

A contempt which fell short of that standard would be none the less a contempt but could not attract committal. That, it seemed to his Lordship, was an intelligible restriction of the court's powers, bringing broadly into line with the normal requirements of criminal liability the surviving power to commit a citizen to prison at the instance of an antagonist in civil proceedings.

Historically that had for long been the position. Wilfulness, it seemed to his Lordship, was and had been for over a century, possibly much longer, the threshold not of contempt but of committal, attachment or sequestration of assets as a penalty for contempt.

In that context wilfulness, was related to what was deliberate and, at extreme, contumacious. Awareness of the court's order together with the fact of the forbidden act or omission, although ordinarily enough to constitute a contempt, were a necessary but not a sufficient condition for the imposition of a penalty.

In such a penal jurisdiction the element which should be regarded as critical, and which therefore, his Lordship thought, had to govern the power to fine as well as the power to imprison and confiscate, was the element identified in *Halsbury* as "fault or misconduct". It was that which wilful or deliberate breach or disobedience implied.

Therefore the position at common law, reflected in or governed by the 1965 Rules was:

1 Any conscious non-compliance with an order of the court was a contempt;

2 Only deliberate or wilful contempt could be visited with imprisonment or sequestration of assets.

3 In other cases the court's power were limited to the award of costs and possibly to fines.

On the evidence, his Lordship held that there had been no wilful or deliberate disobedience of, nor any wilful or deliberate refusal or neglect to comply with the order of Mr Justice Buckley. Accordingly he had no power of committal.

It would be a reproach to the law if in such circumstances the court committed people to prison, whether or not its order were suspended.

His Lordship declined to impose fines. The excusable nature of the contempt was something which both on principle and on authority the defendants were entitled to have taken into account in fixing any penalty.

However, if the situation changed and the defendants' continued presence on the site became wilful, because the option of moving had become available to them, the court was likely to take a very different view.

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Child's housing needs not taken into account

Regina v Westminster City Council, Ex parte Bishop

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment May 7]

A decision by a local housing authority that an applicant was intentionally homeless for the purposes of Part III of the Housing Act 1985 that was arrived at in part by relying on an unreasoned report from the authority's medical adviser and which failed to take proper account of the position of the applicant's young daughter was a flawed decision and could not be allowed to stand.

The Court of Appeal so held in judicial review proceedings dismissing an appeal by Westminster City Council from the judgment on February 9 of Mr Robert Carnwath, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, whereby he ordered that decision letters from the council stating that the applicant, Patricia Bishop, was intentionally homeless be quashed.

Part III of the 1985 Act imposed duties on local authorities to homeless persons having a priority need except where such persons become homeless intentionally.

Section 60 provides: "(1) A person becomes homeless intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything in consequence of which he ceases to occupy accommodation which is available for his occupation and which it would have been reasonable for him to continue to occupy."

Section 75 provides: "... accommodation shall be regarded as available for a person's occupation only if it is available for occupation both by him and by any other person who might reasonably be expected to reside with him."

Mr Clive H. Jones for the council; Mr Terence Gallivan for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that the applicant, a single parent with a daughter born in 1983, was the tenant of a council flat on the Mozart Estate, West London. After 1988 she began having problems arising from crime and drugs on the estate and her daughter suffered from bullying and on more than one occasion men had indecently exposed themselves to her.

The applicant additionally had had problems from a former boyfriend: he would come to the flat and was said to be prone to violent behaviour.

The applicant said that those factors led to her life being "a living hell". Her account was supported by letters from her doctor and letters from her daughter's school stated that the child showed signs of emotional disturbance. As a consequence, the daughter lived more and more away from the flat at her grandparents' home.

The applicant's case for a transfer had been considered three times by the council: assessed as category B20, her prospects of being rehoused were low.

Matters had come to a head in May 1991. The applicant said she had been assaulted by the boyfriend and there was a police drugs raid on a flat along the corridor. The applicant left the flat and handed the keys to the council.

In October the council gave their decision that the applicant was homeless and in priority need but that she was intentionally homeless.

The judge had quashed that decision for one reason only: the council's failure to take proper account of certain relevant considerations, namely the daughter's position.

The judge had found that consideration of her by the council was based on written reports from their medical adviser who had not seen the applicant or her daughter and had not said why he regarded the accommodation as still suitable, at least for the daughter.

The judge went on to state that where there was "no indication of the process of reasoning of the medical adviser, it does not seem to me to be sufficient for the determining officer simply to say, 'this matter has been dealt with by the medical adviser'. Where one has strong and apparently unchallengeable evidence that the daughter's living conditions were causing severe effects on her health and, in particular, her school work, proper consideration by the authority must involve some assessment of that matter and a conclusion on it."

The judge's decision was unassailable. By virtue of section 75 of the Act the applicant's accommodation was to be regarded as "available for her occupation" for the purposes of section 60(1) only if both she and her daughter could reasonably be expected to occupy it.

The daughter's position was of great significance. If it was reasonable for her to leave and live with her grandparents then it could not be held reasonable for the applicant to remain in occupation alone.

There was no indication that the council, save by their medical adviser, had ever properly addressed that matter.

Cases of homelessness were difficult and anxious. They put a heavy burden on local authorities. Here the council had clearly taken considerable care in the enquiries regarding many aspects of the case. But in one important respect, the position of the applicant's daughter, their approach was seriously flawed.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Farquharson agreed.

Solicitors: Mr G. M. Ives, Westminster; Alan Edwards & Co, Notting Hill.

Acquittal although excessive force used

Regina v Scarlett

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mrs Justice Ebsworth and Mr Justice Tuckey

[Judgment May 7]

An accused was entitled to be acquitted of manslaughter if he was justified in using force against the victim, even though he mistakenly believed that the circumstances called for a degree of force objectively regarded as unnecessary.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in allowing an appeal by John Scarlett against his conviction in November 1992 at Leeds Crown Court (Judge Baker, QC and a jury) of manslaughter.

Mr R. Michael Harrison, QC and Mr Patrick Robertshaw, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Stephen Williamson, QC and Mr Roger M. Thomas for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was the licensee of a public house in Halifax which the deceased had entered 10 minutes after closing time, the worse for drink and indicating that he wished to be served.

When he refused to leave, the appellant took told of him by pinning his arms to his side and pushed him out of the door into the lobby. The deceased fell down some steps into the street, striking his head fatally as he did so.

The case for the prosecution was that the appellant was guilty of manslaughter because when "bundling" the deceased towards the door he had used excessive force and thus committed an unlawful act.

The judge directed the jury that if they concluded that the appellant had used more force than was necessary in the circumstances and they were satisfied that that caused the deceased to fall and strike his head then the appellant was guilty of manslaughter.

In the case of *R v Williams (Gladstone)* ([1987] 3 All ER 411; (1983) 78 Cr App R 276) the court had held that the accused was entitled to be acquitted if he mistakenly believed he was justified in using force, even if that mistake was an unreasonable one.

In their Lordships' view, if the mental element necessary to prove an assault was an intention to apply unlawful force to the victim, and the accused was to be judged according to his mistaken view of the facts whether that mistake was on an objective view reasonable or not, there seemed no logical basis for distinguishing between a person who objectively was not justified in using force at all but mistakenly believed that he was and another who was in fact justified in using force but mistakenly believed that the circumstances called for a degree of force objectively regarded as unnecessary.

In the circumstances the directions to the jury were inadequate to support a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

Accordingly the verdict of the jury was unsafe and unsatisfactory and the appeal would be allowed and the conviction quashed.

This unfortunate miscarriage of justice might well have been avoided if the clear advice of the Criminal Law Revision Committee in 1980 had been implemented.

That distinguished committee recommended abolition of the antiquated relic of involuntary manslaughter based on the commission of an unlawful act and the adoption of the more rational and systematic approach to the offence of manslaughter they proposed.

The present law was in urgent need of reform in spite of recent judicial attempts to make the law more compatible with a modern system of criminal justice.

It was to be hoped that serious consideration would now be given to implementing proposals for a more modern and rational approach to the law of manslaughter.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Wakefield.

Correction

In *Pizzey v Ford Motor Co Ltd* (*The Times* March 8) Mr Daniel Matovu also appeared as counsel for the defendants.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Compensation order claim is civil

Sonntag (supported by the Land Baden-Württemberg) v Waidmann and Others

Case C-172/91

Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg, J. L. Murray, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweiler, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse, M. Diez de Velasco, P. J. G. Kapteyn and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General M. Darmon

(Opinion December 2, 1992)

[Judgment April 21]

A claim for damages brought in the context of criminal proceedings against a teacher in a state school who in the course of a school excursion had caused injury to a pupil by reason of a breach of his official duties fell within the definition of "civil proceedings" for the purposes of article 1 of the Brussels Convention.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in answering questions submitted to it by the *Bundesgerichtshof* (Federal Court of Justice) for a preliminary ruling.

The respondents were the parents and brother of a pupil of a school in the Land of Baden-Württemberg who during a school trip to Italy had been the victim of a fatal accident in the mountains. The accompanying teacher, Mr Sonntag, was prosecuted for manslaughter before the criminal court of Bolzano, in Italy.

The respondents joined those proceedings as civil parties with a view to obtaining an award of damages against Sonntag for the loss caused by the accident. The appellant was notified of that measure by a judicial order on February 16, 1987.

At the hearing before the court in Bolzano the appellant was represented by a lawyer. He was found guilty of manslaughter by that court and ordered to pay 20 million lira to the Waidmann family and to bear the costs. On application by the respondents the *Landgericht* (Regional Court), Ellwangen granted enforcement of the civil part of the judgment of the Bolzano Court.

Sonntag then lodged an appeal against that decision before the *Oberlandesgericht* (Higher Regional Court) and joined the Land Baden-Württemberg to the proceedings claiming that he had a statutory right that the Land should bear the cost of compensating the damage caused in the event that the proceedings went against him. The Land Baden-Württemberg intervened in the proceedings in support of Sonntag's claims.

The *Oberlandesgericht* dismissed his application whereupon Sonntag and the Land Baden-Württemberg brought an appeal before the *Bundesgerichtshof* which stayed the proceedings and referred four questions to the Court of Justice on the interpretation of the Brussels Convention of September 27, 1968 on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters, as amended by the Convention of October 9, 1978 on the accession of the Kingdom of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (OJ No L304 of October 30, 1978).

In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled as follows:

Definition of "civil matters"

Article 1(1) of the Convention made it clear that it was also applicable to decisions given in civil matters by a criminal court. It was therefore necessary to establish whether an action for compensation for damage brought against a teacher of a state school who, during a school trip caused injury to a pupil by reason of an unlawful and culpable breach of his duty of care, fell within the definition of "civil matters" within the meaning of the first indent of that article, even where such an accident was covered by social insurance under public law.

In that regard it was necessary to recall that the term "civil matters" used in article 1 of the Convention was to be regarded as an independent concept which was to be construed with reference first to the objectives and scheme of the Convention and second to the general principles stemming from the corpus of the national legal systems.

On that point it had to be held that, even if it were joined to criminal proceedings, a civil action for compensation for injury caused to an individual following a criminal act was civil in nature. In the legal systems of the contracting states the right to obtain compensation for damage suffered following behaviour deemed to be contrary to criminal law was generally recognised as being civil in nature. Moreover article 5(4) of the Convention was based on that idea.

Such an action could only fall outside the scope of the Convention where the person against whom it had been brought was to be regarded as a public authority having acted in the exercise of its public authority powers.

In the majority of legal systems of the member states the activity of a teacher in a state school while supervising pupils during a school trip did not constitute an exercise of public authority powers given that that activity did not involve the exercise of special powers compared with the rules applicable in relations between private individuals. A teacher in a state school in a case similar to that of the main proceedings carried out the same duties with regard to the pupils as those of a teacher in a private school.

Finally, even if the internal law of the contracting state of origin of the teacher concerned defines the supervisory activity of that teacher with regard to his pupils as exercising public authority, that was not relevant for the purpose of categorising the main proceedings in the light of article 1 of the Convention.

Appeals against enforcement

The *Bundesgerichtshof* sought to establish whether the second indent of article 37 of the Convention was to be interpreted as precluding any appeal by interested third parties against a decision given on appeal under article 36 of the Convention even where the domestic law of the state in which enforcement was sought allowed such parties to appeal.

The Court had previously held that the phrase "judgment given on the appeal" in the second paragraph of article 37 was to be interpreted narrowly.

The Convention had established an enforcement procedure which constituted an autonomous and complete system, including the matter of appeals and it followed that article 36 excluded procedures whereby interested third parties might challenge an enforcement order under domestic law.

That principle was also to be applied to an application brought subsequently in accordance with article 37 of the Convention. To prohibit an interested third party from bringing an action under article 36, while enabling him to intervene at a later stage in the proceedings by bringing an action under article 37 would operate against the above mentioned system as well as one of the principal aims of the Convention which was to simplify procedure in the state where execution was sought.

Restrictions on refusal of recognition

By its last two questions the national court clarification of the terms "document instituting proceedings" and "entered an appearance" within the meaning of article 27(2) of the Convention which provided that recognition of a judgment given in another contracting state might be refused "if the defendant was not duly served with the document which instituted the proceedings ... in sufficient time to enable him to arrange for his defence".

Non-recognition of the decision for reasons given in article 27(2) was only possible if the defendant had been in default during the original proceedings.

That provision could not therefore be relied upon where the defendant had appeared, provided he had been informed of the substance of the case and had been enabled to arrange his defence.

Where a defendant, through his representative, was able to state his case on the criminal charges made against him while being aware of the civil law debt claimed against him in the context of the criminal proceedings, that statement of case was in principle to be regarded as an appearance in the proceedings as a whole, without it being necessary to make a distinction between the criminal and the civil proceedings.

That did not, however, exclude the possibility for the defendant to refuse to enter an appearance for the purposes of the civil proceedings. However, if the defendant did not act in that manner a statement of his case on the criminal charges also amounted to entering an appearance for the civil proceedings.

It was apparent from the other for reference that the representative, chosen by the defendant, had not raised any objections against the civil action even during the argument relating to that action.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

1 "Civil matters" within the meaning of the first sentence of the first indent of article 1 of the Convention covered an action for damages brought before a criminal court against a teacher from a state school who, during a school trip, caused injury to a pupil by reason of an illegal and culpable breach of his duty of care, even where cover was provided for such liability by a scheme of social insurance under public law.

2 The second indent of article 37 of the Convention was to be interpreted as excluding any action by interested third parties against a decision given in the context of proceedings brought under article 36, even where the domestic law of the state enabled such parties to appeal.

3 The non-recognition of a decision for the reasons indicated in article 27(2) of the Convention was only possible where the defendant was in default in the original proceedings. That provision could not therefore be relied upon where the defendant entered an appearance.

A defendant was deemed to have entered an appearance, within the meaning of article 27(2) of the Convention where, in the context of a claim for compensation connected to criminal proceedings pending before the Court, the defendant through the representative which he had chosen, stated his position on the criminal proceedings during the hearing of the main issue but not on the civil proceedings which were also subject to argument which the representative had attested.

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Praying for peace: Warren Christopher (inset), American secretary of state, is using his legal skills to end bloodshed in Bosnia

A special relationship

The US Secretary of State is using skills he learnt bringing together American and British firms in international talks

Warren Christopher, the United States Secretary of State, would have felt on familiar ground as he negotiated with the British Government last week about what to do about the Balkans.

Until President Clinton's installation in the White House in January, Mr Christopher was senior partner in the American law firm of O'Melveny & Myers, where he arranged a strategic alliance with Macfarlanes, the London legal firm, four years ago.

Bringing together lawyers from the two sides of the Atlantic may be child's play compared with trying to reconcile Serbs and Muslims, but the success the Macfarlanes-O'Melveny & Myers alliance has achieved is testimony to the secure foundations that Mr Christopher laid down.

Last week, the US firm of Bryan Cave said it was doing a similar deal with Baileys Shaw & Gillett, the London firm. The purpose is not merely to secure mutual referral of work, nor even to underwrite the quality of service that each provides for the other's clients (although both of these are important). More significant in the long term is the strong hint that they will undertake joint ventures and develop business that would be too risky or expensive for either firm independently.

"The combination of a US and a UK firm is a very powerful formula," Paul Hauser, of Bryan Cave, says. "We think it offers the best of both worlds and is very attractive to clients. As the world economy starts to pick up, we want to be positioned to offer clients the new kind of global service they need."

The focus of that development is likely to be the Far East. "China is very big on our agenda," Peter Foster, of Baileys Shaw, says. The announcement of the agreement is almost certainly a prelude to a joint operation somewhere on the Pacific Rim.

The broad pattern they are following is one already laid down by O'Melveny & Myers and Macfarlanes, which have co-operated closely in developing a Japanese practice. "We're not allowed to have a joint office, as such, in Tokyo for regulatory reasons," Christopher Hall of O'Melveny & Myers says, "but the firms work as closely as possible within what's permissible."

Nabarro Nathanson and Weil Gotshal Manges have followed a similar route, albeit one to Europe. Working together, the two firms opened offices in Warsaw, Poland, and then Budapest, Hungary, combining the UK firm's expertise in European law and the American's credibility rating with US investors. "In terms of depth of resources, the relationship with Weil Gotshal has helped enormously," says Colin Davey, the newly appointed managing partner at Nabarro. "But just as important was that the two firms shared the same vision of where we wanted to go on the world scene."

Dewey Ballantine and Theodore Goddard now run offices in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague and it is the combination of the American and British expertise and approach that works.

Reflecting on this record of success and his own recent dealings with Baileys & Shaw, Mr Hauser said: "The special relationship between the British and Americans continues and will always be unique, whatever may be happening on the diplomatic scene."

This, no doubt, will come as some reassurance to Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary. Exactly which way President Clinton's foreign policy will go is still hard to discern. However, Mr Christopher has already made it clear that he sees foreign policy and economic policy as being increasingly interrelated.

In navigating the rapids of EC/US trade negotiations, not to mention developments in the Balkans, his understanding of the British dimension is likely to be invaluable.

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Success comes to the single-minded

Specialisation is the name of a new legal game, says Fiona Bawdon

About three years ago, the specialist insurance litigation firm, Jarvis & Bannister, realised that it was going to have to make radical changes if it was to continue to thrive

"It suddenly became apparent that our competitors were getting an increasingly large slice of the cake and we were losing out," said senior partner, Alan Bannister. "We decided we'd better do something about it." Simply doing a good job for clients was no longer enough.

The firm developed a business plan and embarked on an aggressive marketing programme to raise its profile in the legal profession and the insurance industry. The initiative seems to have paid off. Last year, despite the recession and a shrinking insurance market, Jarvis & Bannister's turnover was up 30 per cent on the previous year.

Mr Bannister believes that, without the rethink, Jarvis & Bannister would now be about half its present six-partner size. "We would have been at the margins. Our work wouldn't be nearly so interesting or exciting."

He believes that being a specialist firm — concentrating solely on insurance litigation — was crucial in being able to transform its fortunes.

Mackenzie Mills is another specialist firm that seems to be bucking the trend by increasing its fee-income by 20 per cent last year. Unlike Jarvis & Bannister, it concentrates not on a particular type of work, but a particular type of client — Italians. It works closely with the Italian law firm, Carnelutti, and a large proportion of its work is for Italian clients — mainly litigation, property, banking, company and commercial cases.

However, the founding partner, David Mills, fears it may be tempting fate to claim his firm has emerged unscathed from the recession. "I'm superstitious," he said, "But, yes, we did have a big growth in fee income last year and — touching wood and fingers crossed — we are also a very profitable firm."

Of its firm's 25 fee-earners, 15 are fluent in Italian, but Mr Mills insists that speaking the language is not enough. "An understanding of the Italian mentality is absolutely fundamental to the work. Italians take advice. They don't expect their lawyers to say: 'On the one hand this and on the other hand that.' They want to be told what to do."



David Mills: superstitious

Woods Lovatt, a two-partner, central-London firm, also recognises the need for lawyers to be in sympathy with their clients. Although it may largely do the work of a general practice — wills and probate, conveyancing, crime, a little commercial — it caters for a very specialist market: it is the first self-styled, all-gay law firm.

Along with Jarvis & Bannister,



Alan Bannister: exciting

and Mackenzie Mills, Woods Lovatt's narrow focus has enabled it to weather the recession better than many standard high-street firms, according to partner John Lovatt.

"The amount of conveyancing work has declined, but not as much as it has in the straight market," he said. Gay people tend to have higher-than-average incomes and, as Mr Lovatt said succinctly, they "don't have hordes of children".

He stresses that the firm has not escaped the impact of the recession altogether and has had to keep its charging rates down in many areas of work.

The firm advertises in the gay press, but Mr Lovatt says most of its business comes from word-of-mouth recommendation — or from the direct marketing that Mr Lovatt does himself. "I can go out every night of the week to a club or some sort of gathering of gay men and the conversation invariably comes round to 'what do you do?' There will always be one or two who need a solicitor for something," he said.

The firm is set to take on its first trainee solicitor this year and Mr Lovatt is keen to expand to enable it to raise its profile and cover more areas of work. However, he concedes that expansion may be hampered by the reluctance of many gay solicitors to be open about their sexuality.

Jarvis & Bannister also hopes to expand, but by consolidating its market, rather than moving into other areas of work. Mr Bannister says his ten-year-old firm has not yet grown to the optimum size. "There's an element of work at the best end of the market where the law firm being instructed has to be 'market safe'. We are quite capable of doing that work, but we have to be bigger in order to assume that role," he said.

At Mackenzie Mills, Mr Mills has no doubts about the disadvantages of expanding much beyond the firm's present 25 fee-earners. "Italians are not impressed by size. If anything, they probably think we are rather too large at the moment.

"They don't like talking to young, wet-behind-the-ears lawyers, nor being greeted by a team of people. They want to talk directly to the lawyer who's giving them the advice."

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Lines of greatest resistance

Andy Lavender talks to radical playwright Trevor Griffiths, whose new play about the Thatcher years is premiered this week

Given the strong reaction her name can still arouse, it must be counted brave to invoke the *Iron Lady in the title of a play*. But this is what Trevor Griffiths does in his latest work, *Thatcher's Children*, which opens on Thursday at the Bristol Old Vic.

Griffiths has never been one for the soft option, and *Thatcher's Children* is one of his most ambitious plays to date. It follows seven people from their schooldays in 1973 to New Year's Eve 1999. Griffiths wipes away the dust which has settled on the Thatcher era through relating the experiences of the twentysomething generation, as well as painting a possible version of the future as the millennium approaches.

It is difficult to imagine a play in years to come called *Major's Children*, and Griffiths's latest work is clearly an inverted testament to the drastic potency of Thatcherism. Perhaps because of its subject matter it was always going to be an unconventional work. The first two scenes, set respectively in a junior school and a comprehensive school, are the only ones in the play where the characters speak to each other realistically. From the third scene onwards they speak in monologues, sometimes intercut.

Not that this is an idle whim of the playwright. Griffiths wrote *Thatcher's Children* armed with 29 hours of video tape from workshop rehearsals, with the actors mapping the play around their own personal testimonies. "I asked the kids to come in with what I call 'cargo': clothes, memories, letters, photographs," Griffiths says. "There's a huge dependency on their experience. I wasn't 17 or 21 in the 1980s."

For the record, Griffiths was approaching his fifties (he is 58 now). "Venerable" doesn't quite do, but he is nonetheless one of the wiser birds of British theatre, a gritty presence on the left since he came to notice in the 1970s with plays like *Comedians*, *The Party* and, in 1982, *Oi For England*, all of which explored anti-establishment themes. The playwright has had the dubious satisfaction of seeing his work banned or rejected at various stages of his career, either because it was thought to be too shocking or because it did not quite fit the mould. In conversation he can be both blunt and lyrical.

By all appearances his play boasts a rich collection of characters, all mischievously symbolic. One of the lads becomes a brutish policeman who eventually goes to jail: "Not for the crimes he commits as a copper," Griffiths points out dryly, "but for the manslaughter of an 18-month-old kid. When he comes out he gets a job as a mercenary. Through the 1990s there will be no better freelance job than being a mercenary, that's my prediction."

Another character makes his fortune by trading in futures and by gun-running. One of the women starts working in a massage parlour and, by the end of the play, Griffiths explains, "is absolutely tied into being a whore. That's not what she was made for."

> 'Griffiths insists that as a writer he never takes a didactic line'

Griffiths has, perhaps unfairly, been stereotyped as a "political" playwright. True, he belongs to the group of writers that came to prominence in the 1970s, when his contemporaries numbered Edward Bond, Howard Brenton, David Edgar and David Hare, playwrights who set out their political stalls clearly. Griffiths still swears vigorously at the Tories, but he claims that as a writer he never takes a didactic line, that there is a little recognised dream-play aspect to some of his work (including his last play *The Gulf Between Us*), and that *Thatcher's Children* in no way sets out a political agenda.

The cast agree. They insist that the play is both humorous and human, and faithful to their own experiences of the last 20 years. "The play speaks for itself," says Giles Thomas. "Trevor doesn't say 'this is wrong' but 'this is what happened', so you and the audience are left to decide for yourself."

Given the strength of feeling on the subject, not least among paid-up Conservatives, one would have thought the decision would be easy, and that there would also be a queue of plays condemning outright the Thatcher years. The fact is, there are surprisingly few. Have left-wing playwrights gone soft? There have, of course, been dramas which captured nuances of their age. In the early Eighties Alan Bleasdale's BBC television series *Boys From The Blackstuff* eloquently voiced the wit and despair of unemployed Liverpool men, while David Hare's *Secret Rapture* dealt with the other end of the country and class, suggesting connections between greed, duplicity and membership of the Tory party.

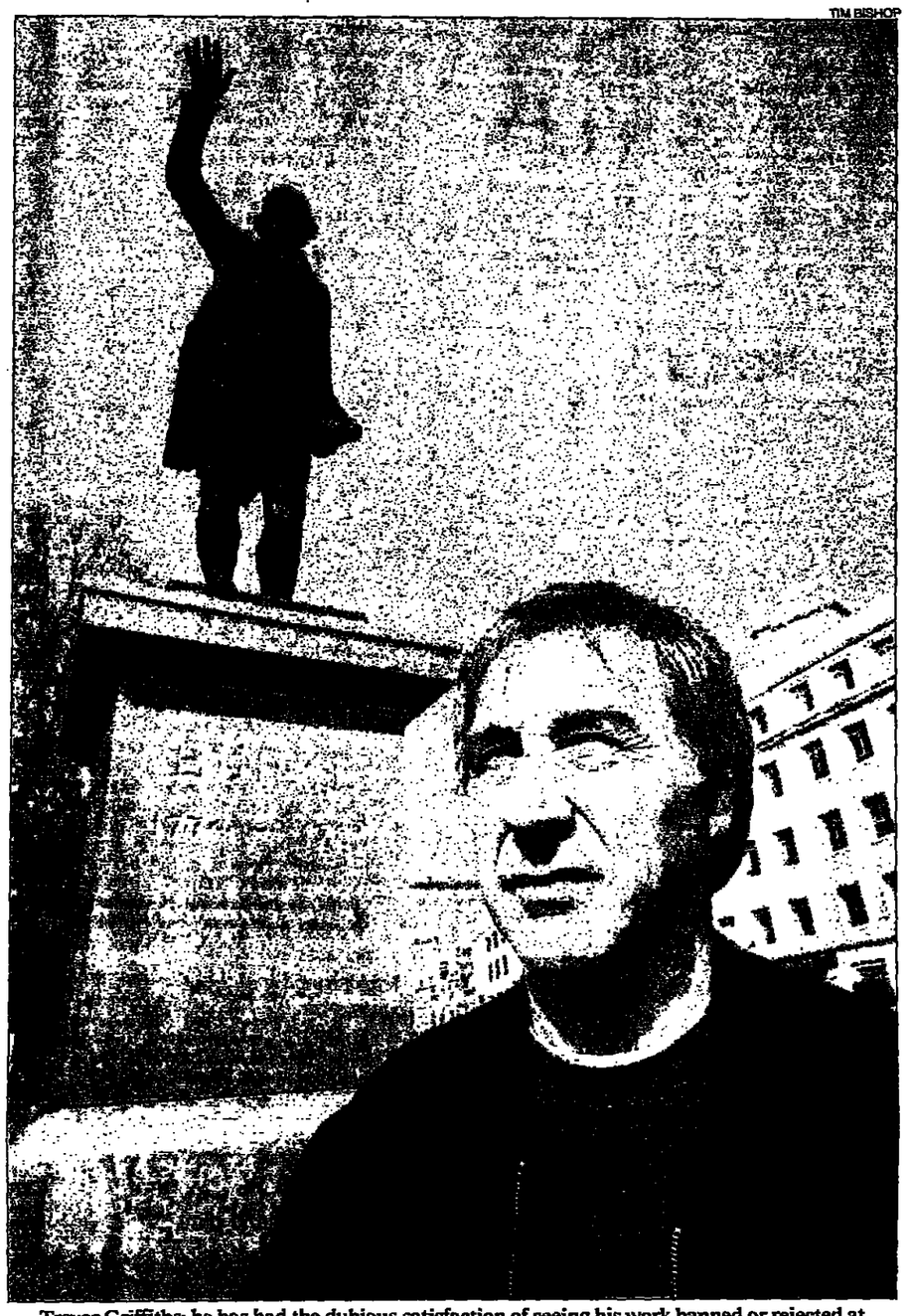
In 1987 Caryl Churchill satirised the new City whizz-kids in *Serious Money*, which ironically found great favour among the very people it set out to insult. More recently with his production of J.B. Priestley's *An Inspector Calls* at the National Theatre, Stephen Daldry has proved that it is possible to extract a vehemently anti-Thatcherite morality — one to do with compassion and selflessness — from a play written before Thatcherism was a twinkle in its creator's eye.

Griffiths himself has his own conspiracy theory: there have been few plays about Thatcherism because of the desire of theatre managements not to offend the sponsors; and because of the lack of any proper discussion among the left, which has failed to keep its own house in order. These are perhaps stock answers, and do not quite account for the failure so far of playwrights to capture one of the most decisive eras in modern British history.

Perhaps, though, it is simply a matter of time needing to pass. *Thatcher's Children* may be the first of many plays looking back at the period. This particular play looks forward as well, and some may be unsettled to hear that as far as Griffiths is concerned, Thatcherism has a future. "The play bleakens towards the millennium," he observes. "It invites the audience to say, 'is this the way it will be?'."

● *Thatcher's Children opens at the Theatre Royal, Bristol Old Vic (0272 250250) on Thursday at 8pm; it continues Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats May 27, June 5, 2.30pm.*

TIM BISHOP



Trevor Griffiths: he has had the dubious satisfaction of seeing his work banned or rejected at various stages during his career; either it is found too shocking, or it does not quite fit the mould

ARTS BRIEFING

Back on the road

WITH a child of the 1960s now in the White House, and Sixties artworks on reverential display at the Barbican Centre, it was bound to happen before long. Right on cue, word comes that Dennis Hopper's new film will be *Easy Rider II: The New Generation*, a sequel to the low-budget hit that galvanised Hollywood 24 years ago into taking the youth revolution seriously. Details of its cast and story are scarce, though the chief easy rider will be female. The players from the original — Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson and Hopper himself — are lined up for cameo appearances. Shooting is scheduled for the autumn.

● RUSSIAN ballet superstar Mikhail Baryshnikov is returning to London next month for two performances of his White Oak Dance Project. The company, formed in 1990 by Baryshnikov and Mark Morris, made its British debut in March 1992. It comes back to Sadler's Wells with a programme new to London, comprising works by Hanya Holm, Twyla Tharp and Morris. Baryshnikov will dance at both performances, on June 4 and 5.

Step forward

THE Royal Ballet has two new principal dancers following the news that first soloists Leanne Benjamin and Tetsuya Kumakawa have been promoted. Benjamin, 28, was born in Australia and trained at the Royal Ballet School; she has been a principal dancer with Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (now the Birmingham Royal Ballet), English National Ballet and the Berlin Ballet. Kumakawa, who was born in Japan but also trained at the Royal Ballet School, joined Covent Garden in 1989. Having only just turned 20, he becomes the company's youngest principal dancer.

● PETER JAMES is to relinquish his position as director of the Lyric Theatre, in Hammersmith in west London, next year after 12 years in the job. He could adapt the last words of Laertes and cry, "The cuts, the cuts are to blame!" Two years ago Hammersmith and Fulham lopped £100,000 from the Lyric's grant, and last year the Arts Council sliced off another £53,000.

"We survived extraordinarily well until the mid-Eighties, chiefly due to money from *Noises Off* which was first produced here," says James. "Things have now become very different and difficult, and the board understandably decided they had to find a different way of doing things." A new director will be appointed in the autumn.

Last chance . . .

IN BILL Morrison's *A Love Song for Ulster*, 70 years of the province's history is compressed into three parable plays: *The Marriage*, *The Son* and *The Daughter*. The symbolism almost chokes the final play but the cumulative power of the experience — nine hours — is intense, though exhausting. Individual plays weekdays; full trilogy weekends. It ends on Sunday at the Tricycle, Kilburn (071-328 1000).

THEATRE REVIEWS: A vivid portrait of military life; a comedy based on Saki; and an enigmatic tale set in 16th-century France

Soldiers on the scrapheap

Our Boys
Cockpit

In its new home near the Edgware Road the Soho Theatre Company has given the premiere of a heartening new work by an aggressively promising young playwright. Jonathan Lewis has acted, now writes and directs, and has been shrewdly taken up by the National Theatre.

His personal experience prompted this study of six soldiers in a military hospital. Cliché lurks in ambush with such a mixed gathering: well-meaning, upper-class officer material; good natured thicky, brooding Ulsterman; chip-on-shoulder cripple; joking flyboy and so on.

In fact, the characters crackle with life, and a superlative cast portrays the raw edges as well as the self-protective loyalty, the tensions and the underlying compassion of a society in miniature: the microcosm of an antiquated hierarchy where the men do the work and carry the can for the Ruperts, as the officers are derisively nicknamed.

The traps are effortlessly avoided. The play is neither politically formulaic nor socially patronising. The awkwardness between the men and Oliver (Matthew Radford), a potential officer sent through university on an army bursary and now regretting it, suggests a barrier that can never come down despite tentative advances on either side. As illustrated in the best army plays — Wesker's *Chips With Everything*, Willis Hall's *The Long and the Short and the Tall* — enforced comradeship and community can be splintered by the same external pressures that create them.

The play lacks a firm storyline. Only in the second half does a strong narrative thread emerge, when an illicit bout of beer-drinking is discovered, and it emerges that the group has been betrayed by one of its members. But the play scores with sharp, economic characterisation in short, telling scenes. One set-piece, where the patients play "The Beerhunter" — a version of Russian roulette with spraying lager cans — is exhilarating in its apparent spontaneity.

The writer/director's interest in these soldiers as individuals keeps preaching in check: implicit but never blatant is the question of how the army can throw even its young on the scrapheap when they are of no more use. The action is set in 1984. It would be interesting to see whether ranks have closed in the face of a common enemy: the politicians.

Beautiful ensemble work comes from a young team. David Hounslow, another ex-serviceman, is the breezy fixer who proves the most injured of all these walking wounded. Sean Gilder is the Northern Irishman, a moving mixture of prickliness, eccentricity and tenderness, and Jake Wood — a head injury moving in clumsy spasms, and barely articulate — is eventually patched up into a sleek little fighting machine. He is one of the lucky ones.

MARTIN HOYLE

DONALD COOPER



Stephanie Turner, Simon Beresford, Richenda Carey: some scenes ascend into the realm of pure weirdness

Gems lack sparkle

Redeeming Vices
New End

Saki's short stories are gems: small cut crystals comically reflecting snobbish society; priceless, razor-edged satires lightly jabbing at the money-grabbing arranged marriages and cut-throat bitchiness of Britain's well-bred.

Michael Browning's new play *Redeeming Vices* promises riches, being based on Saki, but proves wearisomely akin to second-rate rep productions from way back when. It is a turn-of-the-century drawing room comedy seemingly drafted by an amateur admirer of Oscar Wilde and produced without the immaculate polish required for arch epigrammatic repartee.

None of the acting is outstanding. Still, Simon Beresford as Clovis — poor as a Kensington church mouse, and an awful poet who proposes to anyone with a penny to her name — is deliciously relaxed, lounging on a chaise-longue with a twinkle in his eye. Tim Wallers playing Trevor — heir to the Torywood estate and pursued by prospective brides but hopelessly in awe of his monstrous mother — pushes floppy physicality towards the hilarious. He doubles up in spasms, taken aback by his own tiny triumphs of self-assertion, and collapses into a whole-body stutter when announcing his engagement.

Unfortunately, his fiancée Clare, as portrayed by Gemma Page, appears to have no character at all. Meanwhile, Richenda Carey who acts Mrs Thunderford — his killjoy battleaxe of a mother — keeps suffering from fits of melodrama, waving her arms balletically and striking poses.

Going over the top like this is largely the act of a theatrical lemming. Yet sometimes it unexpectedly takes off and a scene ascends into the very funny realm of pure weirdness. It is not totally out of keeping with a world where once a month some mother or other eggs on her daughter to get stampeded by a bull because it might lead to marriage with Trevor; where elopements come a cropper because the footman cannot ride the get-away bicycle; and where Mrs Thunderford's terrified house guests try to hide her dead parakeet on the horns of a gnu, then pretend it is a hat.

Michael Browning, though certainly competent in constructing a farce, couples together Saki's brilliant aphoristic one-liners from numerous stories, slotting them in without regard to character. Insensitive delivery also lays many low. Others survive however, raising bursts of laughter, and sparkling in spite of being set in base metal.

KATE BASSETT

What did you do in the war, dear?

The Return of Martin Guerre
Duke of Cambridge, Kentish Town

An empire is spreading from NW3. Jon Harris and Adam Burr took over the management of the New End Theatre last year. Now that the admirable Buddy Dalton has retired from the Offstage Downstairs, the New End company plans to re-open her old venue in August as the Camden Studio Theatre. In the meantime, they are staging this French tale round the corner in Kentish Town.

The story may be familiar from the Depardieu film and its recent remake, *Sommersby*, which transfers to the American civil war the haunting idea of a soldier who returns after many years' absence to his village, where he is welcomed by wife and neighbours, only to have doubts cast as to whether he truly is the man they take him to be.

The powerful impulse at work here is the longing to be given another chance. If the returning Martin really is someone else, his is the wish to find a house, a wife and a community where he can start life afresh. Bertrande's wish is for a loving husband to replace the almost impotent creature who abandoned her.

The story is to be found in the detailed account of the case written by Jean de Coras, who tried it in 16th-century Toulouse. He acts as the narrator, a troubled servant of the law, in this intriguing production by Harris. Its blemishes include too much rhubarbing instead of dialogue at the beginning, when the cast provides scene-setting background to contemporary village life. But a cleverly theatrical device is then used to keep us from knowing if the returned Martin is true or false. In the scenes of his wedding or husbandly neglect his presence is mimed by the others. Bertrande (Adrienne Swan) takes his invisible hand at the marriage ceremony, and so on.



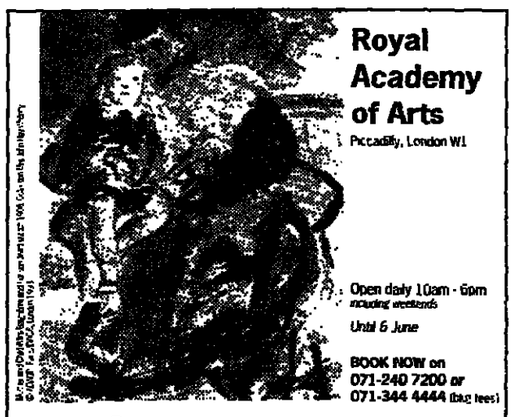
Haighton: passionate as the enigmatic Martin

Michael Haighton gives a passionate vitality to the enigmatic Martin, and an air of decency that makes one wish very much that he will find a happy ending. David Goudge's demeanour as Jean shows curiosity and then sadness at this world's subjection of love to law.

As well as being about that eternal concern of the French peasantry, the greed for land, the story is a romance and gives a rare true glimpse of marital love as felt by plain, love-hungry people. Some performances are raw at the edges but the energy of the tale glows through.

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NDT2: This is the second company of *Nederlands Dans Theater*, one of the most innovative and successful companies in Europe. NDT2, which began as NDT's student group, comprises young dancers, aged between 17 and 21, who perform a repertory of new and established dance works, including pieces by NDT's artistic director, Jiri Kylian.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

WILLIAM BLAKE: As it completes its series of Turner shows, the Tate embarks on a similar series devoted to its Blake collection. "Independence and Innovation" covers the years 1779-1789, from Blake's enrolment as an engraving student at the Royal Academy to his first important illustrated books, the *Songs of Innocence* and *The Book of Thel*. There are also rare examples of his academic work and the first tentative approaches to his personal style of etched book.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, from today until August 8.

NICE DOROTHY: Auriol Smith plays the sensible middle-aged woman suddenly head over heels in love: a new play by David Cregan.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Opens tonight, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs (and May 27, June 3), 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, until June 19.

JOHN SURMAN'S BRASS PROJECT: *The long-running Project, which has at last secured its first recording deal on the ECM label, is headed by reeds virtuoso Surman and brings together a formidable gathering of players (two drummers, three trumpets, two trombones, two bass* (trombones). *Under the direction of John Warren the group performs structured, complex arrangements alongside spontaneous improvisation.*
Lilian Baylis, *Arlington Way, EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.45pm.*

ANNE SOFIE VON OTTER: The Swedish mezzo-soprano joins forces with fortepianist Melvyn Tan in a presentation of songs by Mozart, Schubert and Haydn.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). 7.30pm.

MICHAEL BOLTON: The American pop-rock singer gives the first of four dates supported by Kenny G, the Seattle-born jazz saxophonist who is promoting a new album, *Breathless*.
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234). Tonight-Fri, 7.30pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

REGIONAL

DARTFORD: *The* **Russian All Stars'** staging of the Tchaikovsky ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, on ice, is intended to be popular entertainment. Although lacking in sensitivity — a lot of the small detail is missing from the choreography and the recorded account of the music is blasted across the stage — the skill and bravura of the performances keep the audience applauding.
Orchard Theatre, Home Gardens (0322 220000). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

GLASGOW: David Pountney's stylish production of one of Janáček's greatest and most moving operas, *The Makropoulos Case*, returns to **Scottish Opera** after an absence of a decade. Kathryn Harries, as the tormented 300-year-old protagonist, heads a cast that also includes Nigel Robson, Donald Maxwell and Nigel Douglas. John Mauceri conducts.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000). 7.15pm.

LEEDS: **Opera North** gives the final performances in its Leeds season before moving on to Manchester, Nottingham, Hull and Sheffield. On offer are Deborah Warner's debut production of Berg's *Wozzeck* (tonight, Fri); the perennial favourite *La Bohème* (tomorrow, Sat); and the rarely staged Ponchielli opera, *La gioconda* (Thurs).
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm.

SOUTHAMPTON: In the Sixties David Hockney made three important series of etchings, *A Rake's Progress* 1961-63, the *Cavafy Illustrations* (1966) and his illustrations for *Grimm's Fairy Tales* (1969). The new South Bank Centre touring exhibition **David Hockney, Grimm's Fairy Tales** collects his bizarre reflections on the Brothers Grimm's ruthless fairy tale world. His approaches are often unexpectedly tangential and contemporary, though sometimes adapting and distorting images from Old Masters.
Gantry Arts Centre, *Blechynden Terrace (0703 229319). Tues, Wed, 10am-4pm, Fri, 10am-5pm, Sat, midday-5pm, until June 5.*

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: Robert Stephens as the mad king, Simon Russell Beale as Edgar in Adrian Noble's production of **King Lear** for the Royal Shakespeare Company.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Opens tonight, 7pm; then from *May 27 in repertoire with The Merchant of Venice.*

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **THE BESHT TELLERS:** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating *tales to the West End*.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). *Telling Tales*: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE CHINESE WOLF:** Funny, fresh David Ashton play, set in a scrapyard, where quick-witted Ronan Vibert must outwit Desmond Barrit's Mr Big.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 *(081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm.* 150mins.

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, *packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.*
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **CRACKS:** Martin Sherman's precise and hilarious spoof thriller demolishing the Californian freak scene of 1973.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. 105mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 *(071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm,* mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in *Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.*
Apollo, *Shaftesbury Avenue, W1* (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands *the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival.* With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 *6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat,* 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist *production of Priestley's soul-searcher.*
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 115mins.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kieve's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet *of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.*
Duke of York's, *St Martin's Lane, WC2* (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

☐ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** *Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis* between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm. Final week.

☐ **ON THE LEDGE:** Liverpudlians in trouble cling to a tower block. Alan Bleasdale angered by civic rot: best when funny.
National (Lyttelton), *South Bank, SE1* (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. *120mins.*

☐ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's *slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.*
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **PLAYING BY THE RULES:** Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the *Birmingham Rep.*
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins. Extended to May 29.

◪ **SEARCH AND DESTROY:** *How to lose innocence and grow rich in modern America.* Howard Korder's compelling play inspires razor-sharp acting, directed by Stephen Daldry.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **THE TRIAL:** Czech director Lida Engelova gives her countryman's nightmare good visuals but a leisurely rhythm. With James Wilby, Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre.
Young Vic, *66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363).* Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins. Final week.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Cyrano de Bergerac**: Theatre Royal (071-930 8800) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse ◪ (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **BRAINDEAD** (18): Zombies multiply in 1950s New Zealand. Peter Jackson's gore-splattered horror comic, *professionally packaged but very juvenile.* Stars Timothy Balme.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

◆ **INDECENT PROPOSAL** (15): Sex, greed and Robert Redford: a potent mixture, though Adrian Lyne's film gets sillier scene by scene. With Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) ◪ **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

IN THE SOUP: Lovable gangster befriends and finances a struggling film-maker. Fresh, loopy comedy from Alexandre Rockwell, with Steve Buscemi and Seymour Cassel.
National Film Theatre ◪ (071-928 3232)

LEOLO (18): Demanding, audacious exciting journey through a Montreal family's madness and dreams. Writer-director, Jean-Claude Lauzon.
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MISTRESS (15): Trials and tribulations of a low-budget film project. Appealing if slender Hollywood satire, with Martin Landau. Director, Barry Primus.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999)

WILD WEST (15): *Adventures of an Asian Country and Western band from* Southall, West London. Buoyant but thin comedy, with Sarita Choudhury. Director, David Attwood.

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MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-*636 6148*) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666)

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ACCIDENTAL HERO (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 *film about a female impersonator* (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA ◪ (071-930 3647).

ALIVE (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story *of survival and cannibalism in the* Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano. Director, Frank Marshall.
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Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

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MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers *forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.*
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route: filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

SOMMERSBY (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
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THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
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ROCK: The fashionable end of sleaze-pop; and a folk-country singer over from Arkansas

Forbidden fruit in a fantasy boudoir

Suede
Brixton Academy

BANDS, like children, grow in rapid spurts at certain stages of their development. In the seven months since Suede last played the capital — in a tiny *sweatbox of a club* — they have travelled to America, seen their faces on the covers of virtually every relevant magazine and watched their debut album go sailing into the chart at No 1, and deservedly so. They have even had proper haircuts.

But although they acquitted themselves *with honour at the 4,200*-capacity Academy, Suede sometimes gave the impression that in their mind's eye they were still playing somewhere smaller. There was too much *slack time between songs*, and singer Brett Anderson, suffering from a rough throat, tended to project to the front rows of the crowd, reserving little (beyond a few barbed comments) for *those stuck at the back or upstairs on* the balcony.

But then, Anderson has more star appeal in his little finger than most groups can muster all told. Starting in typically bold fashion with "The Next Life", a number for voice and piano only, *his high, Cockney drawl soared* ever upwards, its echo-laden tone sounding like that of a choirboy in a cathedral.

The rest of the band upped tools and *the pent-up energy of the* crowd was unleashed by a belting version of "Moving", followed by a stonking "*Animal Nitrate*". That *is still the* best song in a portfolio that is not short of a decent tune or two.

Dressed in a tight, midriff-exposing shirt and hipster trousers ensemble, *which accentuated his broad, rather* feminine hips and bottom, Anderson posed coquettishly atop the monitor speakers and minced about the stage like a would-be belly dancer. To his left, Bernard Butler played his guitar with all the delicate aggression of a man honing a razor on a strop.

Utilising a fashionably grungey *sound, he cleverly conjured solo and* rhythm parts, fragments of riffs and melodic arpeggios alike from the same urgent chopping motion. Bassist Mat Osman and drummer Simon Gilbert, *already resigned to a lifetime in the* back seat, fulfilled their engine-room duties with discreet efficiency.

Above and behind the group, the two indeterminately-sexed lovers from the *cover of Suede's album continued their* everlasting kiss, the image now bedded within a backdrop of red satin redolent of a fantasy boudoir scene from *Twin Peaks*. While upbeat numbers like "The Drowners" and "So Young" celebrated the ambivalent joys and *fears of adolescence*, slower songs like "She's Not Dead" and "Sleeping Pills" explored the gloomiest alleyways of *thought, the continuation of a rock* tradition stretching back to the violent dirges of the Velvet Underground.

Either way, Suede have tapped the strange, sexually-charged, neuroses of *the times to produce an image and* music which has about it the exciting, over-ripe tang of forbidden fruit. Despite its minor shortcomings, this show was another heady taste.

DAVID SINCLAIR

JULIAN HERBERT



Suede's Brett Anderson: suffering from a rough throat, but with more star appeal in his little finger than most groups can muster all told

Cornball sentiments that verge on schmaltz

Iris DeMent
Bloomsbury

ARKANSAS-born Iris DeMent's debut album *Infamous Angel*, released independently in America last year, was perfectly timed to capitalise on the current vogue for a more authentic kind of folk-country music than that *latterly embraced by the Nashville* establishment. With other such relatively marginalised artists as John Prine, Emmylou Harris and Nanci Griffith rushing to endorse her work, DeMent has found herself being picked up by Warner Brothers and arrived in Britain for two successive *London shows garlanded with critical* plaudits.

Fair enough, given the album's pleasing vigour and naivety. But one hopes her schedule has allowed her time to track down and wreak revenge on the over-heated fan who recently defined her as "America's greatest living songstress". Promising careers can be ruined by such careless talk.

What DeMent has going for her is *an ability to convey saccharine senti*ment in a manner that makes it both palatable and convincing. Accompanying herself in energetic but self-admittedly rudimentary fashion on guitar, she allows her plangent, wayward voice full rein on lyrics that are frequently cornball and clumsy, yet which work through the sheer force of her personality.

Anyone who has found her mentor *Griffith sentimental will have a prob*lem with DeMent: she is not afraid to sing about dead parents ("Our Town"), dead itinerants ("A Lonesome Hobo") or the dead corny ("J'ai Besoin De Mon Garcon Francais").

Her Bloomsbury audience seemed *to have no such schmaltz threshold*, however: "That was a beautiful song Iris, thank you," one fan boomed out following "After You're Gone", a song predicting her reaction to her father's *subsequent death*.

This is not to be cynical about DeMent's talents: she has a gift for lovely rolling melodies and for sharply observed vignettes of small-town life, as "*Let the Mystery Be*" and "Mama's Opry" proved. But she is certainly not country's answer to Joan Baez, let alone Joni Mitchell, and she is ill-served by portentous statements about her role in the scheme of things. She needs, and deserves, a little time.

ALAN JACKSON

DANCE: **John Percival** on Siobhan Davies's new work at the Brighton Festival and *Swan Lake* in London

Riches for the taking

Wanting to Tell Stories
Gardner, Brighton

OUR century has seen painting, literature and dance all exploring forms that avoid narration or description, yet stories and representations *remain fundamental to most art*. Hence the title and content of the new work which Siobhan Davies has made for her own company with the composer Kevin Volans: *Wanting to Tell Stories — to which you must add their* unspoken proviso "on our own terms".

Volans's music runs to specific titles anyway, such as his *White Man Sleeps* which Davies choreographed in 1988, but his *instrumental scores present* their emotional content to the listener *in a non-specific way*, innocent of any message you could put into words. That remains true of the new piece, written for piano, clarinet, viola and double bass, richly textured, varied and *evocative as it is*.

Poor would he be of soul, however, who failed to respond feelingly to its extremes of texture and speed, from a long drawn out diminuendo on Roger Heaton's clarinet, like a dying breath, to intense, driving ensemble passages. Accompanied by Davies's dances, that evocative power is reinforced.

She understands *how the mere* presence of two or more bodies together on stage can imply a relationship, but here she explores many ways of developing that. Having somebody stand and watch while others dance is one of them. Another is letting two groups echo each other but with *differences: the supported*, inclined body facing up or down, the supporting figure standing or kneeling, two persons alone or with a third behind them. The eye immediately spots the *similarities; then the mind is engaged* as the pose is held long enough to take in all the contradictions.

Figures pursue each other across the stage, or move in parallel lines; their *closeness or separation is accentuated* by David Buckland's setting: two huge hanging screens of wide meshed wire netting, which line up to divide the stage fore and aft, open slightly for a *sleight-of-hand passage between front* and back, swing round to separate three areas side by side, or move out to the edges leaving one unified space.

Davies's six fine dancers move with a *smooth fluency that is often stilled into* a sharply defined grouping. The highlight is a sequence near the end when three simultaneous duets present three different rhythms in time and space. *This is a work that pleases* immediately but will surely reveal *more riches on repeated experience*. Sponsorship by Digital.

Rewarded in injury time

Swan Lake
Covent Garden

IF A factory or farm had as many of its workers going down with injuries as the Royal Ballet does, the health and safety officer would probably be calling in pretty sharp. *Shall* we soon get questions in the House about them, since every one of these dancers represents a considerable investment by the taxpayer?

Among the many on the sick list were all three men due to dance Siegfried in *Swan Lake* last week, so Adam Cooper and William Trevitt were drafted in for unexpected extra *duty. I saw Cooper* partner Leanne Benjamin (he also appeared with Darcey Bussell), and Trevitt made his debut alongside Deborah Bull.

Neither of them, to be blunt, could *make much of the acting in Acts I and* III, because Anthony Dowell's production introduces altogether too much fussy business instead of concentrating on essentials. Trevitt's quiet, concerned *playing made a good match* for Bull, however, in the lakeside scenes, especially the final one in which her reined-in emotional sincerity particularly suits the lyrical Lev Ivanov choreography. Their dancing in the climactic Act III *duet was smooth and glowing rather* than exultant: it was a perfectly respectable achievement under these circumstances.

Cooper, a more extrovert dancer, has played Siegfried once or twice before, and has found for himself some small individual touches: trying to impose *some good manners, for instance*, on one of the production's dafter moments, when six supposedly well brought-up young women flounce about absurdly all over the stage, as if *looking for the nearest gossip colum*nist to complain about not being selected as his bride.

Cooper's solo dancing, too, had a light, manly buoyancy, and he had the benefit of playing opposite the most theatrical of the company's leading women. Benjamin may not have such *long legs or pretty feet as some of her* rivals in ballerina roles, but she commands a sure, strong technique and, my goodness, she does have the ability to give every movement its full *dramatic value, as much through her* inflection of the choreography as through her applied acting.

A word for Stephen Wicks's playing of the villain, Rothbart. In human *form at the ball he manages a sly* elegance, and when disguised as an owl with the swan-maidens his insinuating arms and constant turning, pecking head make him, unusually, *more bird-like than them.*

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Tonic for the careworn Wear

As Sunderland becomes a city, art is transforming its most depressed areas, writes Ros Drinkwater

ROS DRINKWATER



On the stone: Colin Wilbourn and *Pathways of Knowledge*, his 20-ton sculpture that commemorates Benedict Biscop, the 7th-century cleric

Yesterday, the sculptor Colin Wilbourn did something out of character: he went shopping for a suit. "The Tyne and Wear Development Corporation suggested it would be appropriate," he says. Today the Queen will confer city status on the ancient port of Sunderland. And also on the royal agenda is the unveiling of Wilbourn's latest work, *Pathways of Knowledge*, a 20-ton stone sculpture set between a 7th-century church and the site of the new Sunderland University campus. The great carved pile of books celebrates the life of Benedict Biscop, who founded St Peter's church in AD 674 and brought not only learning, but masonry and glass-blowing, to the area.

At the turn of the century this was a densely populated community known as the Barbary Coast. Locals still remember the Wear being so full of ships that you could cross the estuary by jumping from deck to deck. It was here that the prototype for the American Liberty ships was designed, and the postwar shipbuilding boom lasted until the 1960s when foreign competition began to bite. In 1988 the last Wearside yard was bulldozed. With the announcement this month of the closure of the last Tyne yard, the once-glorious era of Tyne-Wear shipbuilding is being consigned to history. It is ironic that Biscop would recognise the landscape now more than at any other time in the past 1,300 years. When the royal yacht swings into the Wear estuary it will enter an empty river flanked by vast areas of dereliction. Only Biscop's church remains of old Monkwearmouth.

Today, though, the 90-acre site is at the heart of a £90 million regeneration scheme which will provide factories, housing, community projects and a new university campus. A key feature of the scheme is the St Peter's Riverside Sculpture Project, aimed at enhancing the public areas of the development. This was the brainchild of Artists Agency, a local organisation formed to place artists in the community. In 1991 Wilbourn was appointed its artist in residence.

He works with one apprentice, Karl Fisher, from a Portacabin. The first part of his brief was to assess the site and plan a strategy for involving artworks before development began, so that the works were built into the structure. He chose four main areas and to date has completed work on three of these: a set of galvanised steel gates at the entrance to a business centre, a flight of stairs leading from the north pier to the sea, and *Pathways of Knowledge*.

Essential to the project is the development of links with those who live in and use the area. The project now has a strong support group comprising local schools, the history group, a housing estate and St Peter's church. A recent workshop involved schoolchildren who visited the site, discussed ideas, did drawings and translated them into reality.

Wilbourn, 35, has built a reputation for unusual, large-scale outdoor sculptures. His radical ideas were formed while working on what is probably his most successful piece, *The Upper Room* — a *trompe-l'oeil* evocation of the Last Supper, carved from 13 elm trees on a Durham riverbank. "It suddenly came home to me how important it is to work on site," he says. "Probably one of the reasons *The Upper Room* has remained unvandalised is that it didn't appear overnight. It took six months to carve, during which time all kinds of people stopped to chat and got involved. It is as if watching it grow gave them an interest, and a respect for the sculpture."

> 'On Wearside you meet a lot of people who wouldn't dream of going to an art gallery'

He describes his background as "ordinary working class, council house and comprehensive school". This caused a conflict, a selfish (his word) desire to do what he loved most — sculpt — and a sense of guilt in choosing art as a profession. "With all the social problems, I found myself asking where art fits in today's society," he says. "I was lucky, my parents encouraged me to work for a degree, but here on Wearside you meet a lot of people who haven't had that opportunity. They wouldn't dream of going to an art gallery. Their idea of sculpture is statues in the park, or the Tate Gallery bricks that they read about in the papers. They relate to neither."

He found that the response from the Durham passers-by somehow assuaged his guilt. "They made me feel I had contributed," he says. "Over the years I've decided that what's important to me is working in public places where the work will be seen and enjoyed by as many people as possible."

He is scathing about the current vogue for sculpture of the "build the mall, then add the art" variety. "Public sculpture owes responsibility to the people who are looking at it, it should go some way to involving them. Often it's the siting that's at fault: a sculpture is plonked down in the middle of a new town square. By having a residency I work on site, getting to know the space. You absorb all that information unconsciously and it comes back unconsciously in the things you want to make. Inspiration doesn't switch on like a lightbulb; it grows out of a two-way process."

Wilbourn's next concept will involve peeling back layers of history: houses built on shipyards built on houses built on a monastery. He envisages a sculpted ruined house. "People love ruins, piles of stone can hold such a fascination. There's a story there; it hasn't quite crystallised in my mind, but it will be more than just a shell. There will be a residue of what has gone before."

LONDON CONCERT

A performance frail and hearty

LPO/Tennstedt
Festival Hall

As usual, Klaus Tennstedt arrived on the platform to a rapturous welcome. As usual, he looked frail and pallid. As usual, expectations were high, and the atmosphere emotionally charged.

We knew perfectly well, of course, that he has been looking exactly as he now does for years, and that behind that apparent fragility lies a constitution of iron. Almost needless to say, the programme consisted of nothing but a Mahler symphony.

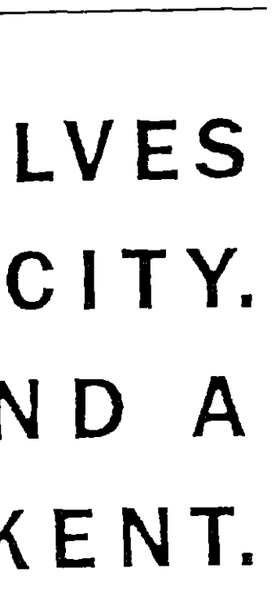
This time, however, it was the Seventh, which is something of an enigma among its fellows, although perhaps also one of the finest. Here Mahler makes his links with past aesthetics more obvious than anywhere else, finally giving, on balance, the intellect ascendency over the heart. For all the stirring fanfares, heroically striding tunes and expressionist screams that permeate the first movement, and despite the fact that colours, textures and atmospheres often take precedence over line, movement or development elsewhere, the work takes an objective stance.

Yet one was still able to sense an epic journey, from light to the hollow darkness of the central scherzo's sinister parody-dances and perpetual motion, and then beyond the abyss, via the second "Nachtmusik" with its innocent, serenade-like violin, harp, guitar and mandolin tunes, to the new glories and revelations of the finale.

Tennstedt's reading gained power through deliberation, with speeds generally on the careful side, which gave some of the work a distinctly Brucknerian air. His is a view of Mahler that respects every microscopic detail of dynamics and articulation, although once or twice he broadened the tempo where the score did not demand such action.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra began rather nervously, I thought, not quite thinking as one, nor shaping phrases cogently. But before long they had slipped into gear and things began to feel more instinctive.

Inevitably, given such a vast canvas, one or two details irked. The tenor tuba used in place of Mahler's specified tenor horn made a noise altogether too coarse, for instance, while the faintness of the offstage cowbells suggested a herd wandering in the Highlands rather than on the opposite bank of the Thames. Nostalgia should be more vivid a sensation than that. One set of cymbals, moreover, was too large and heavy to be able to give the crisp tintinnabulation surely required by the music.



Tennstedt: careful reading

But those were only small instances in a reading of solid musical achievement, if not spine-tingling thrills, which saw the LPO's woodwind and brass sections, in particular, play with rare distinction.

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Brazilian instinct comes naturally to Japanese



David Miller, in Tokyo, meets the Dutchman whose job is to ensure Japan qualify for the World Cup

The east Asians have been knocking at the World Cup door for some years. Remember North Korea against Italy in 1966; or South Korea trying to bully Argentina into defeat in 1986. It will not be long before Japan are causing embarrassment to someone.

Olympic bronze medal winners 25 years ago in Mexico, Japan have never previously had the organisation, professionalism or tactics fully to exploit an abundant talent. It has been eye-opening to witness in the past week the closeness of their instinctive style to that of Brazil.

How often we have lived heart in mouth watching a Brazilian defender, such as Junior, attempt to dribble clear out of his own penalty area. Occasionally, Alan Hansen, the most constructive central defender in Britain since Bobby Moore, would do likewise at Anfield. The first goal in the 5-0 rout of Gary Lineker's Grampus Eight team on Sunday stemmed from a Japanese midfield player attempting, and failing, to play with an *élan* beyond his technique.

Trying to pull the threads together for the national team, with some success, is Hans Ooft, a gregarious Dutchman, who is seeking a tactical discipline around Japanese individualism without stifling it. Ooft's thoughts on the game echo the debate that has been burning in England over Graham Taylor's exclusion of Waddle.

Ooft had a successful spell with Mazda in Hiroshima in the mid-Eighties before returning to Utrecht for four years. Appointed national manager last year, he has taken Japan through the preliminary qualifying round for next year's World Cup with a commendable goal aggregate of 28-2.

"Football is made of two *kinds of player*," Ooft said. "Dominant players and servants. Both have to operate together within a group game. If you have too many dominant players, such as Barnes or Waddle, you will slow the speed of the game too much because they want to play with the ball more than with colleagues. Yet of course you have to use individuals because they create the surprise element."

Ooft has three such players, all with Verdy, league champions of last season: Ramos, a *naturalised Brazilian in mid*field, and the forwards, Miura and Kitazawa. Miura, a Japanese who spent several years' "acclimatisation" with Santos, is something of a Rivelino, dribbling mazily across field from either wing. To teach him a lesson, Ooft took him off after an hour in last season's first international against Argentina.

"As national manager, you can make a mistake looking for the best players," Ooft observes. "You have to look for the most suitable." He plays a flexible 4-4-2/4-2-4 system, with the two pushing forward, in support of attack, being midfield players rather than modified wingers. The temptation to make the versatile Ramos the playmaker is avoided. "Do that and you become *too dependent on one player*," he said.

If it is a short-term priority for Japan to qualify for the United States next year, the long-term necessity for the survival of the new J League is the flow of properly coached young players.

The playing pool is there: some 600,000. Yet some of the money being lavished on the import of foreign stars, necessary to create appeal, could be better devoted to a squad of foreign coaches to teach Japanese coaches the correct fundamentals. Many of the best minds are from Yugoslavia and the present economic climate must make Japan an attractive employer.

"I can see the missing link but it's not for me to tell them *how to do it*," Ooft said. "The problem is so deep, with four or five years before you see any results." An important step is that J League clubs are each running teams at four levels from schoolboys upwards.

Davies confirms European class

By Patricia Davies

IT WAS Colin Welland who warned Hollywood a few years ago that the British were coming but he was referring to the film business and did not think to forewarn the American golfing world that they might be invaded, too.

On Sunday, Laura Davies, as English as roses and treacle tart, delivered the latest blow to US pride by winning the McDonald's championship at the DuPont country club in Wilmington, Delaware. It was, surprisingly, Davies's first victory in the States for more than two years but it was the fourth by a European in six tournaments, a dominance that can be traced directly to that gloriously unexpected Solheim Cup win over the Americans at Dalmahoy last October. That upset worked wonders for the confidence of the European players and this season's results have reflected that burgeoning self-belief.

The run started when Helen Alfredsson, a Swede who does not know the meaning of the word self-effacing, won the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first major championship of the year. It had never been won by a European before. Before the Americans could even console themselves with the thought that at least Alfredsson had a home in Los Angeles, they had been hit again: Trish Johnson, an Englishwoman with strong Welsh connections, won twice in a row.

Johnson and Davies then took themselves home for the Ford Classic at Woburn, where the former was fêted and the latter was left hovering on the fringes, not quite ignored but definitely not the main attraction. It is not a position Davies is used to, certainly not in Britain. After all, until recently she was the only woman golfer most people had ever heard of, renowned as she was for her big hitting. She had also won the US Women's Open, in 1987, the first British player to do so, and must be credited with providing the inspiration for all that is happening now.

She won three times in Europe last year and was No 1 for the third time — but for the first time since 1986. However, in her efforts to support the fragile European tour, she failed to win in America for the second successive season, although she did lose twice in play-offs. She was simply stupendous in the Solheim Cup, winning three matches out of three and doing much the same job Severiano Ballesteros does in the Ryder Cup, encouraging team-mates to reach unknown heights.

In Wilmington, Davies led by one shot going into the fourth and final round but had to suffer the agonies of a rain delay with three holes to play. Sherri Steinhauer, who finished second, was already in the clubhouse on 278, six under par, when Davies, seven under, had to walk in from the 16th fairway. She calmed her nerves by watching the baseball on television and consoled herself with the thought that, if she lost, she could justifiably blame the disruption.

Fortunately, Mark Fulcher, who took over as Davies's caddie this season — her brother Tony, who used to do the job, is now her manager — put that notion in perspective as they walked down the 18th, still one ahead. "If you bogey this hole, they'll say you choked," he said.

Davies and Fulcher have worked hard on her short game this year and they reaped the benefit. Faced with getting up and down from deep rough to make par and win, Davies responded like the champion she is. She put the ball to seven feet and holed the putt for a round of 69, two under par, a total of 277 and a cheque for $135,000 (about £88,000), the biggest of her career. There was no lifetime's supply of Big Macs — just as well since she is still on a diet — but as an added bonus, she won $30,000 for the Ronald McDonald house in Liverpool.

Davies is now fifth on the US money list, with Johnson third and Alfredsson, who tied for third on Sunday, first. There is also precious little comfort for the Americans in the latest Ping leaderboard, the women's equivalent of the Sony Rankings. Patty Sheehan and Betsy King are ranked first and second but Davies has moved up to third, Alfredsson is fourth and Johnson tenth.

In fact, there are seven non-Americans in the top 15, a sign that the times are, indeed, a-changin'.

FINAL SCORES

US unless stated

277: L Davies (GB), 66, 69, 73, 69. 278: S Steinhauer, 69, 72, 70, 67. 279: H Alfredsson (Swe), 74, 68, 70, 67; L Merten, 68, 69, 72, 70. 280: H Kobayashi (Japan), 72, 71, 69, 68. 281: P Bradley, 73, 70, 71, 67; M B Zimmerman, 72, 74, 65, 70. P Sheehan, 68, 73, 70, 70; G Graham (Can), 68, 69, 74, 72. 282: C Johnson, 71, 74, 71, 66, N Lopez, 73, 69, 70, 70; V Skinner, 70, 70, 72, 70; H Stacy, 73, 67, 70, 72.



AMY SANCETTA

Moment of triumph: Davies is exultant after claiming her first US win for two years

SPORT IN BRIEF

Injured Seles made top seed for French Open

MONICA Seles has been made top seed to defend her title at the French Open tennis championships, despite last month's stabbing that left her with slim prospects of playing in the tournament. Organisers of the Roland Garros event said the Yugoslav world No 1 had not withdrawn her entry and would be installed as top seed until she did so. Seles was stabbed in the back by a male supporter of her German rival, Steffi Graf, during a tournament in Hamburg. Although her injuries to a shoulder muscle were not severe, they left her with a difficult battle to be fit in time for the French Open, which starts on Monday. Pete Sampras, of the United States, is the men's top seed but his compatriot, Jim Courier, French champion for the past two years, will start favourite.

Boris Becker and his Austrian coach, Guenter Bresnik, have parted company, leaving Becker without a coach one week before the French Open. Becker hired Bresnik during the US Open in September but has had a disastrous clay-court season.

England achieve aim

TABLE TENNIS: England's men fulfilled their main objective by finishing twelfth in the world championships in Gothenburg yesterday. Even though they lost 3-0 to the Czech Republic and 3-2 to Poland on the last day, they are virtually certain of qualifying for next year's World Team Cup and next season's European Nations Cup, as well as remaining in the leading group for another two years. Chen Xinhua and Carl Prean were both rested to help them prepare for the individual event, which begins tomorrow.

Tougher test for skiers

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED: New selection procedures for the Winter Paralympic Games at Lillehammer next year may reduce Britain's medal chances. To earn a place, skiers must have finished in the top half of an international competition this season. As the European season is over, some skiers are being forced further afield, notably Matthew Stockford, one of Britain's best medal prospects, who now plans to compete in Australia and New Zealand in order to meet selection requirements.

Zambia to play on

FOOTBALL: The Zambian FA has selected a new national squad following the deaths of many of its leading players in a plane crash off Gabon two weeks ago. Fred Mwila, the new coach, is eager to resume World Cup qualifying matches and African Cup games as soon as possible. Zambia will play two friendlies against Malawi this weekend.

☐ Diego Maradona, the former Argentina captain, must stand trial in Italy on drug charges, the Italian news agency ANSA reported yesterday.

McKenzie confident

BOXING: Duke McKenzie's first defence of his WBO super-bantamweight title against Daniel Himinez, of Puerto Rico, has been rescheduled for June 9 at Lewisham Theatre. It should have taken place in January but McKenzie contracted glandular fever. McKenzie, the only British boxer to win world titles at three different weights, said: "It should be a tough fight for me but I have every confidence I'll come out with my title intact." Himinez has won 11 of his 16 contests, with three defeats and two no-contests.

Merriweather leads

YACHTING: Richard Merriweather and his crew on Commercial Union continued to lead the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race yesterday as the ten-strong fleet enjoyed a second day of strong south-westerly winds. By 1400 GMT, Commercial Union had opened up a 15-mile lead over John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric and Group 4 Securitas, skippered by Mike Golding, the two leading contenders for overall honours who were locked in a struggle for second place.

RFU likely to place new laws on hold

By Peter Bills

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) is likely to delay the introduction of a draconian timetable suggested for the implementation of its strict new laws relating to amateurism.

The final report of the working party set up by Twickenham to investigate alleged illegal payments to players in the game concluded that the practice was rife and that urgent action was needed.

Under the timetable suggested by the working party, the recommendations would have been in place by July 9. But it now seems unlikely that they can be operative at any time next season.

In the light of the revelations of the working party's conclusions, published in *The Times* recently, clubs voiced strong disapproval of the RFU's wish to see the laws put into practice so soon. The lack of consultation was condemned, forcing RFU officials to abandon their original plans.

Letters have gone out to every English club, more than 2,000 in total, asking for comments and a large processing operation will be required to handle the replies. Discussion would presumably then follow on matters raised in the answers.

One club official said: "It is quite obvious that nothing can be in place for next season. There is speculation among the clubs that the whole thing may be allowed to die a gentle death."

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BRITISH NATIONAL GRIDIRON LEAGUE: Premier division north: Strathclyde Sheriffs 6, Falkirk Cougars 54

NATIONAL DIVISION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION: South: Thames Valley Chargers 7 Brighton Bears 6. Central: London Olympians 26, Nottingham Hoods 20

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 4, Philadelphia Phillies 5, Montreal Expos 4, NY Mets 3, Cincinnati Reds 14, Colorado Rockies 2; St Louis Cardinals 1, Florida Marlins 0, Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Houston Astros 3, LA Dodgers 2, San Francisco Giants 9, San Diego 4

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 6, Toronto Blue Jays 12, Detroit Tigers 2, Baltimore Orioles 3, Milwaukee Brewers 5, Cleveland Indians 3, Minnesota Twins 5, Boston Red Sox 11, Texas Rangers 8, Chicago White Sox 15, California Angels 2, Kansas City Royals 4, Oakland A's 0, Seattle Mariners 7

BRITISH BASEBALL FEDERATION: National premier north league: Friern Braves 8 Nottingham Hornets 24 and 12-16 Tayside Cobras 5, Humberside Mets 10* Humberside Warriors 1, Leeds City Royals 25

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE. Play-offs: Wales Conference: Finals: Montreal Canadiens 4, New York Islanders 1 (Montreal lead best-of-seven series, 1-0)

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Other match

Final day of three. 11.0

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Northamptonshire

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY (one day): Cardiff: Glamorgan v Hampshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire. Canterbury: Kent v Essex. Northam, Crosby: Lancashire v Durham. Leicester: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Somerset

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Scottish women's championship (Prestwick). English women's championship (St Enodoc)

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FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying match: Asian zone: Group E: Kuwait 8, Macau 0

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Second division: Swansea 5 Exeter 1

ATHLETICS

OXFORD: University match. Men: Cambridge 113pts, Oxford 108. Women: Cambridge 96, Oxford 83

SÃO PAULO: IAAF grand prix meeting. Men: 100m: R da Silva (Bra) 10.39sec. 800m: G dos Santos (Bra) 1min 45.92sec. 1,500m: A Bile (Som) 3.41.03. 3,000m: J Falcon (USA) 7.56.31. Discus: 1 A Oliveira (Nigeria), 65.52m, 2, A Washington (USA), 62.72. 3, R Ubartas (Lith), 61.82. Women: 100m: M Onyali (Nigeria), 11.46sec. 800m: 1 M Mutola (Moz), 1min 57.38sec, equal 2, J Clark (US) and M Ramey (US), 1.59.10. 400m hurdles: K Batten (US), 56.32sec. Long jump: 1 I Kravets (Ukr), 6.85m. 2, E Khlopotnova (Russ), 6.71

CLEVELAND, Ohio: Marathon: Men: D Janeh (US), 2hr 11min 39sec. Women: L Kolehe (Uke), 2.34.47

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

BERKSHIRE: Men: 400m: A Patrick (Windsor, Slough and Eton), 47.6sec. Women: Triple jump: M Griffith (Windsor Slough and Eton), 13.60m

ESSEX: Men: Shot: D Gordon (Shaftesbury, Barnet), 16.09m. Discus: S Casey (Woodford Green), 52.48. 3km walk: J O'Rowe (Southend), 12min 58.1sec

HAMPSHIRE: Men: 1,500m: M de Freitas (Portsmouth), 3min 47.5sec. Shot: D Calloway (Haringey), 16.92m.

KENT: Men: 800m: C Gilby (Cambridge H) 1min 51.75sec. 3km walk: N Carmody (Cambridge H), 12min 55.7sec. Women: Shot: M Aucoin (Bromley) 17.09m. Discus: Augee, 43.52

SURREY: Men: High jump: W Caswell (Belgrave), 2.18m. Women: Triple jump: E Fulton (Shaftesbury Barnet), 12.75. Discus: S Drew (Mitcham and Sutton) 46.44

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs. Second round: Eastern Conference: Charlotte Hornets 92, New York Knicks 94 (New York lead best-of-seven series, 3-1); Western Conference: San Antonio Spurs 117, Phoenix Suns 103 (series level 2-2). Houston Rockets 103, Seattle SuperSonics 92 (series level, 2-2)

MOTOR RALLYING

MANX NATIONAL RALLY: 1, M Rowe (Escort Cosworth), 1hr 49min 35sec. 2, D Mann (Toyota Celica), 1.49.58. 3, D Wilson-Clark (Escort), 1.51.42

BARBON, Cumbria: Gulf Oil RAC hill climb championship: 1, D Grace (Pilbeam), 22.48sec. 2, R Lane (Pilbeam), 22.58. 3, M Catlin (Reman), 22.74. Championship leader (after four rounds): Lane, 36pts

RUGBY UNION

WORLD CUP: West European zone: Qualifying matches: Spain 37, Portugal 6; Belgium 42, Switzerland 3. Spain and Belgium qualify for next round in the West European zone, with Wales, who received five Matches to be played next year

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Laurent-Perrier masters championship: Semi-finals: J Snow (GB) bt R Fahey (Aus), 5-6, 6-5, 6-1, 6-4; L Dowdeswell (Aus) bt C Barlow (GB), 6-0, 6-2, 6-3

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Blundell's 143, Conford 138-9, *Bradfield 202-3 dec, Stowe 73. *Bryanston 238-5 dec (G Bucknell 135), Monkton Combe 136-9. Buccaneers 150. *St Paul's 152-4, *Christ, Brecon 83, Colston's 84-5, Christ's Hospital 95. *Aldridge 96-8, City of London Freeman's 84, *Bethany 85-3, Cranbrook 149-7 dec, *Kent College 42, *Dover College 146, Sutton Valence 151-2. *Dulwich 154, Tonbridge 121-7, Durham 210-5 dec, *Pocklington 114, *Eastbourne 129, King's, Taunton 130-8. *Eltham College 175, Emanuel 174-4, *Enfield 173-3 dec, St Albans 164-7, Exeter 153-8 dec, *Wellington 09-3, *Framlingham 224-7, Bremhood 141-6, Free Foresters 225, *Dunclo 193-6, Free Foresters 212-8, *Dean Close 190-8, Haberdashers' Aske's 199-5 dec, *UCS 56, Haileybury 212-7 dec, *Bishop's Stortford 170-6, *Hurstpierpoint 252-4 dec, Cranleigh 248-6, Ilkeworth 99, *Hailford 103-2, Kelly College 211-6 dec, *Plymouth College 146-6, *RGS, Wimbledon 223-6 dec, St John's 201-8, King's, Rochester 99, *Caterham 100-4, *Lancing 206-8 dec, Worth 127, *Lavrence 253-8 dec, Hampton 254-8, Leeds GS 147-6 dec, *Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield 118-9, *Loretto 197-4 (N Smith 100), Strathallan 87-7, MCC 227-2 dec, Oratory 228-7, *Magdalen Coll Sch, Oxford 157-7, Bloxham 158-4, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 178-3 dec, (A Smee 100 not out), Aldenham 94-7, Portsmouth 149, *Lord Wandsworth 150-2, (S Haines 102), Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 122-9, *Watford GS 165-7, Rutlish 132, *John Fisher 139-2, *St Edward's, Oxford 211-6 dec (O Supper 100), Harrow 133-7, St George's, Weybridge 197-2 (Hoyle 103), *St Benedict's 109-4, *St Lawrence, Ramsgate 232-2 dec, *Vandreau 115-1, St Augustine's 48, *Seaford 258 (G Akindolire 130), Epsom 111-7, Stamford 176-7, *Bedford Modern 178-3, *The Leys 296-3 (T Kent 101), Highgate 98-9, Trinity 213-7 dec, (R Knowell 102), *Tiffin 192-3 (R Ward 90), *Warwick 245-5 dec (J Moffat 102 not out), Trent College 245 (Gee 153), Wrekin 118, *Brighton College 119-1 (Wolverhampton 135, Newcastle-under-Lyme 95-7, Worksop College 200 (J Berry, 124), *Denstone 201-3

* denotes home team

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: World Team Cup. First round. Red group: Sweden bt France, 3-0 (S Edberg bt S Bocciosh 6-2 6-2; M Larsson bt H Leconte, 3-6 6-3, 7-6). A Jarryd and H Holm bt Boetsch and Leconte, 7-5 3-6 6-1). Germany bt Czech Republic, 2-1 (M Stich lost to P Korda, 6-7, 7-6, 0-0 Stich bt P Novacek, 3-6, 4-2, ret). Stich and P Kühnen bt Korda and C Suk, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3).

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida: Men's tournament. Final: T Muster (US) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3 6-4

ATP: Rankings: 1, P Sampras (US), 3,849pts; 2, J Courier (US), 3,565; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 2,932; 4, B Becker (Ger), 2,577; 5, G Ivanisevic (Cro), 2,566; 6, P Korda (Cz Rep), 2,294; 7, I Lendl (US), 2,262; 8, A Agassi (US), 2,052. Money-winners: 1, Courier, $944,709 (£615,000); 2, M Stich (Ger), $793,652; 3, Sampras, $541,027; 4, S Bruguera (Sp), $540,145; 5, Edberg, $487,403; 6, R Krajicek (Hol), $418,163; 7, Becker, $406,668; 8, K Novacek (Cz Rep) $379,462

WTA: Rankings: 1, M Seles (Yug), 346 64pts; 2, S Graf (Ger), 307 65; 3, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp), 293 76; 4, M Navratilova (US), 30 15; 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 169 94; 6, C Martinez (Sp), 129 20; 7, M J Fernandez (US), 125 35; 8, J Capriati (US), 118 71. Money-winners: 1, Graf, $630,173 (£440,000); 2, Sanchez Vicario, $561,797; 3, Seles, $437,568; 4, Martinez, $338,541; 5, Sabatini, $325,659; 6, Navratilova, $296,250; 7, Fernandez, $245,179; 8, N Zvereva (Belarus), $220,562.

CYCLING

TOUR DUPONT: Final overall positions: 1, R Alcala (Mex), 46hr 42min 52sec; 2, L Armstrong (US), at 2min 26sec; 3, A Kvalsvoll (Nor), at 4'06. 4, B Dennis (Aus), at 5.25. 5, E Van Lancker (Bel), at 5.34; 6, M Elliott (GB), at 5.40

TOUR DE AUDE: Final overall positions (women): 1, J Longo (Fr), 20hr 03min 53sec; 2, L Van Moorsel (Hol), at 4sec; 3, M Clignet (Fr), at 19

ROAD RACES: Worcester St Johns CC (Hanley Swan, 72 miles): D Wilcox (Birchfield), 2hr 58min 00sec. Bradford Wheelers (90 miles): K Dawson (GS Strada), 4.02.33

TIME-TRIALS: Redmon CC (Surrey, hilly, 73 miles): P Holdsworth (Hounslow and District), 2hr 57min 30sec. Team: Hounslow and District, 9.17.02. Oxford Polytechnic CC (50 miles): N Gardiner (Oxford Polytechnic), 1.50.09. British University (Sports Federation championship): I Jones (Oxford Brookes University), 1.53.43. Team: Loughborough Students, 2.01.37. Abercynon CC (Gwent, 50 miles): A Bowd (Cwmcarn Paragon), 1.53.11. Scala Wheelers (Rotherham, 25 miles): J Cammish (Cyman-Maxim), 54min 38sec. Team: Kirkton Park, 2hr 53min 15sec. Addiscombe CC (25 miles): P Main (34 Nomads), 55min 03sec. Law Wheelers (Stirling, 25 miles): L Foster (Border City), 56.36. Team: Donny, 2hr 58min 53sec. Wisbech Wheelers (25 miles): M Pyne (Polytechnic), 57min 03sec. Team: VC Bad, 2hr 56min 36sec. City of Stoke AC (25 miles): P Nabi (Elizabethan), 57min 48sec. Team: Elizabethan, 2hr 57min 14sec. St Austell Wheelers (25 miles): A Lyons (Plymouth Corinthian), 58min 24sec. Team: Duchy Team Racing, 3hr 11min 19sec. Weardale RC (Co Durham, 23 miles): N Jackson (Roxby), 56min 15sec. East Bradford CC (10 miles): R Krygsman (Goole Vermuyden), 21.51.

TRACK: BCF National Spinfiters' League (Kirkby Scorts Centre): 1, C Percival (Ferryhill), bt P Jacques (Manchester), lost 200m in 12.14sec. Team pursuit challenge match (3,660m): Team Haworths (4min 43.46sec) bt North Wirral Velo (4.48.24)

GOLF

IRVING, Texas: Byron Nelson Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 270: S Simpson, 65, 66, 69, 71. 271: C Pavin, 69, 68, 67, 67; D A Weibring, 68, 65, 62, 69; B Mayfair, 71, 61, 69, 70. 272: F Couples, 71, 63, 70, 68; P Stewart, 70, 66, 68, 68; D Frost (SA), 68, 68, 69, 69. 273: M Calcavecchia, 67, 65, 74, 67; R Floyd, 66, 69, 70, 68; L Rinker, 68, 69, 67, 69

STONEHAM, Southampton: English amateur open stroleplay championship (Brabazon Trophy): Leading final scores: 277: D Fisher (Stoke Poges), 69, 66, 70, 72. 278: P Talauranji (NZ), 69, 69, 71, 70. 281: L James (Broadstone), 70, 64, 70, 77; T Trodd (Langley Park), 71, 69, 74, 67. 283: J Barnes (Brokenhurst Manor), 71, 72, 70, 70; C Evans (W Monmouthshire), 73, 69, 72, 69. 284: I Pyman (Sand Moor), 71, 70, 72, 71; D Robertson (Cochrane Castle), 71, 69, 72, 72. 285: L Westwood (Worksop), 73, 73, 69, 70

WORLD RANKINGS: (US unless stated): 1, N Faldo (GB), 23.44pts; 2, B Langer (Ger), 15.63; 3, F Couples, 14.55; 4, N Price (Zim), 13.94; 5, G Norman (Aus), 13.91; 6, J M Olazabal (Sp), 12.23

EUROPEAN TOUR: Order of merit (GB and Ireland unless stated): 1, M James, £177,909.17; 2, N Faldo, £158,000; 3, D Gilford, £155,842.00; 4, J Haeggman (Swe), £153,406.67; 5, P Broadhurst, £141,009.28; 6, C Rocca (It), £131,521.07

US PGA TOUR: Money-winners (US unless stated): 1, B Langer (Ger), $628,938 (£405,000); 2, N Price (Zim), $612,052; 3, P Stewart, $539,158; 4, T Kite, $518,564; 5, G Norman (Aus), $497,567; 6, P Azinger, $456,413.

SQUASH

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian Classic: Semi-finals: C Dittmar (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-8, 15-17, 15-12, 15-10; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Martin (Aus), 15-13, 15-3, 15-12.

TABLE TENNIS

GOTHENBURG: World team championships: Men: Play-offs: 3-4: Germany bt North Korea, 3-0 (J Persson bt Li Gun Sang, 22-20, 21-13; S Fetzner bt Kim Song Hui, 15-21, 21-17, 24-22; P Franz bt Lu Sung Il, 21-19, 20-22, 21-9, 5-6; South Korea bt Belgium, 3-1 7-8: France bt Japan, 3-0, 9-12: Czech Republic bt England, 3-0 (P Korbol bt A Perry, 21-16, 21-11, R Krmaschek bt M Syed, 21-17, 19-21, 22-20; P Javurek bt A Cooke, 18-21, 21-15, 21-12). Austria bt Poland, 3-1 11-12: Poland bt England, 3-2 (L Kucharski bt A Perry, 18-21, 21-11, 21-16, P Skerski bt M Syed, 21-18, 21-13; L Blaszczyk lost to A Cooke, 21-19, 10-21, 13-21, Kucharski lost to Syed, 4-21, 18-21; Skerski bt Perry, 21-17, 18-21, 21-7) 43-44: New Zealand bt Ireland, 3-1, 45-46: Wales bt Armenia, 3-1 55-56: Georgia bt Scotland, 3-0. Women: Final: China bt North Korea, 3-0 Play-offs: 45-46: Norway bt Wales, 3-0 59-60: New Zealand bt Ireland, 3-2

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton). 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 1,167, equal 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden) and Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 1,202. 4, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 1,226. 5, British Steel II (R Tudor), 1,250. 6, Coopers & Lybrand (V Chorry), 1,275. 7, Pindo of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 1,288. 8, Hofbrau Lager (P Gosz), 1,296. 9, Interspray (P Joffee), 1,317. 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 1,519

SWIMMING

LECCO, Italy: International meeting: Men: 100m backstroke: 1, M Harris (GB), 55.09sec. 3, J Fleet (GB), 57.23.

COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

May 10 Swiss Volksbank (at Woburn)
1,M Rose, 36; 2, J Lloyd-Davies,35; 3, J Cutting, 33;
Top guest: D O'Donoghue, 39

May 10 TSB Bank plc
(at Heyrose,Knutsford)
1,J Clark, 32; 2, M Worrall, 27; 3,M Scowen, 25;
Top guest: B Unsworth, 36

May 11 Guardrite plc
(at Mere Golf & Country Club)
1,H Dunn, 34;
2, R Derbyshire, 28;
3, P Wainwright, 26
Top guest: M Honeybourne, 31

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, May 22

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION

X Bentigh v Springvale U
X Box Hill v S Caulfield
1 Chelsea v Waverley
1 Clarinda v Moorooibark
2 Clifton H v E Brunswick
2 Doveton v Sunbury
1 Nunawdg v Sandrham

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION

2 Corio v Keilor
X Fitzroy v Eltham
1 Moorabin v Melbourn
1 Pascoe V v Dandeng
X Regent v Essendon
1 Seaford v Geelong
1 S Wembee v Lalor U

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION

2 Cranbourne v Brighton
1 E Altona v SH Polonia
2 Geelong R v Yarraville
2 Langwarrin v Malvern
2 Mornington v Coburg
1 Rosanna v Kerrigal

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION

1 Frankston v Forest H
1 Heidelberg v Berwick
2 Lalor v Ballarat
1 Melton v Brandon Pk
2 Springvale C v Williams
1 Westvale v Yallourn

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION

1 Hoppers v Hampton Pk
X Keysboro v Glenroy
2 Lyndale v E Richmond
X Monbulk v Brunswick C
1 N Glenroy v Wantirna
1 N Sndh'ne v O Scotch

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION

2 Athena v Kingsway
X Inglewood v N Perth
1 Perth Ital v Fremantle B
1 Rockham v Bayswater
X Spearwd v Kolmscott
1 Stirling M v Bassendn

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION

1 Armadale v Queens Pk
1 Ashfield v S Vardar
2 Bolga v Morley

1 Dianella v North Lake
X Gosnells v Melville
2 Swan IC v Swan Crac
1 Wanneroo v Stirling T

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION

1 B Eagles v Olympans
1 Croydon v Adelaide
X Modbury v Woodville
2 Salisbury v Enfield
1 WT Birkalla v Para Hills

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION

X Latrobe v South Star
1 Logan v Albany
2 University v Newmarket

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION

X Brighton D v Moggill
1 Pine Hills v Clairvaux

TASMANIA SOUTH FIRST DIVISION

X Metro v Howrah
1 Nelson v Dosa
1 PO Saints v S Hobart

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Bentleigh, Box Hill, Fitzroy, Keysboro, Monbulk, Inglewood, Spearwood, Gosnells, Modbury, Latrobe, Brighton District, Metro

BEST DRAWS: Bentleigh, Box Hill Monbulk, Modbury, Metro.

AWAYS: East Brunswick, Sunbury, Keilor, Brighton, Yarraville, Ballarat, Williamstown, East Richmond

HOMES: Clarinda, Pascoe V, Seaford Utd, E Altona, Rosanna, Heidelberg, Westvale, Perth Italia, Stirling M, Armadale, Wanneroo, Nelson

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 10

PROPOXUR

(c) An insecticide having a long-lasting ability to produce rapid incapacitation of affected insects, from *pro(pyl) + ox(i) + ur(ethane)*: "Health authorities are now using more of other insecticides, such as Malathion and propoxur to kill DDT-resistant mosquitoes."

KISSEL

(a) A sweet dish made from fruit juice mixed with sugar and water, which is boiled and thickened with potato or corn-flour, and adapted from the Russian *kisél*: "When eaten hot, the kissel should be as thick as honey: when cold, like custard."

TRISTUBH

(a) A Vedic metre of 11 syllables, from the Sanskrit *tristubha*: "Ordinarily, the Hindu metricians mechanically define any metrical pada of 11 syllables as tristubh, and any of 12 syllables may have anywhere from 10 to 13 syllables, a jagati from 11 to at least 13. The distinction between the two is solely based on the cadence; a tristubh always ends di dum dum, in western terms in a cataletic diambus."

CARNAPTIOUS

(b) Scottish and Irish dialect, bad-tempered, quarrelsome, cantankerous, also *carnapshus* and *curnaptious*: 1931: "That was."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White managed to force a draw with 1 Rxf8+ Bxf8 2 Qg8+! Kxg8 3 Nh6+ Kh8 4 Nf7+ drawing by perpetual check.

O'Brien plots seventh Epsom victory with Fatherland

Barathea likely to tackle Derby

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

FEARS that the Derby might attract only a single-figure field were partially allayed yesterday when it emerged that Shaikh Mohammed, owner of three of Barathea's four legs, is keen to see the colt at Epsom on June 2.

The other leg is owned by Gerald Leigh, who bred the 7-1 second favourite and retained a 25 per cent stake in him after agreeing to a private sale of the Sadler's Wells colt before he ran. Reservations about committing Barathea concern his ability to see out the 12 furlongs of the classic.

Barathea's trainer, Luca Cumani, will discuss the challenge with Leigh before a firm decision is made, but the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner must be considered almost certain to take his chance.

Leigh enjoys good relations with the shaikh: he sold the Dubai patron a similiar stake in Fitzcarraldo last summer, and completed the same deal with Criquette, a leading Oaks fancy, earlier in the year.

Shaikh Mohammed's racing manager, Anthony Stroud, said yesterday: "If the horse is well and Gerald Leigh is happy, we'd like to run. We'd be in favour of taking our chance."

While Barathea represents their best chance of winning the Blue Riband, Stroud suggested that both True Hero and Advocat could make the Epsom line-up.

It takes more than a long odds-on favourite to frighten off runners from Clive Brittain's stable, and sure enough Brittain virtually committed La Chance, a maiden, to the classic. "I'll work him seriously over ten furlongs before making a final decision, but I'd very much like to run him," he said.

Michael Dickinson, who trains in the United States, has been preparing Wolf Prince this spring with one eye on the Derby. He met with the colt's owners last night to discuss Wolf Prince's prospects, and a decision on whether he makes the trip is expected today.

Meanwhile, Fatherland, a strong-finishing second to Barathea in Ireland on Saturday, is another intended runner. His trainer, Vincent O'Brien, who has handled six Derby winners, discussed Fatherland's prospects with Lester Piggott yesterday, but the jockey will not commit himself to the mount until he has assessed Geisway in this afternoon's Predominate Stakes at Goodwood.

The Derby picture looks a deal healthier than it did on Sunday afternoon, when Armiger's eclipse in France all but ruled him out of consideration. Armiger was reported none the worse for his exertions yesterday as he made the journey back to Henry Cecil's Newmarket stable. Connections put his lack-lustre effort down to the good ground at Longchamp; the colt seems certain to run again only when the going is genuinely soft.

Stablemate Tenby suffered from a touch of colic on Sunday but is in no danger of missing the Derby, for which he remains 5-2 on.

Cecil said yesterday: "Tenby had a mild colic and as a precaution was treated for it. He had a quiet, ridden exercise this morning and is 100 per cent again." The scare is the second to affect Tenby in four days after he trod gingerly for a few strides when displacing a racing plate in the immediate aftermath of his York victory.



O'Brien: bringing his Epsom artistry to bear on Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BENEFICIAL
(3.10 Goodwood)
Next best: Jeune
(4.10 Goodwood)

Lyric Fantasy has double option

LYRIC Fantasy is poised to return to sprinting at the weekend. Richard Hannon, her trainer, has entered her for the Hambro Countrywide Fillies' Stakes at Newmarket and the Daily Mail Leisure Stakes at Lingfield on Saturday.

Both are listed events over six furlongs but she is favoured by the race conditions at Newmarket, where she has to shoulder only a 7lb penalty. The leading juvenile filly last season, she won five of her six starts, including the Queen Mary Stakes, and defeated her elders in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York.

She is being prepared for the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot next month, having run well in the 1,000 Guineas until her stamina appeared to fail her.

Among her 16 possible rivals at Newmarket is the highly-regarded Felucca, trained by Henry Cecil and owned by Khaled Abdulla.

Lyric Fantasy would probably face a stiffer task at Lingfield, where 18 have accepted. Magic Ring, a useful juvenile two years ago, may make his comebabck in the race. He has been sidelined since being beaten in last year's Greenham Stakes.

Hannon confirmed the well-being of his string when Danny Boy, ridden by Pat Eddery, won the Timeform Day At Bath Median Auction Stakes yesterday. It was Eddery's 34th success of the season.

However, the day's biggest cheer was reserved for Lester Piggott, who partnered the Queen's Desert Lore to land the Timeform Race Card Maiden Stakes.

The reception was a far cry from that suffered by Piggott on his last ride here, around 22 years ago, he recalled. Although unable to bring to mind the horse's name, Piggott remembered it was a favourite that he "rode along at the back", suspecting it had gone lame.

He crossed the line to shouts from angry punters, although his diagnosis was later confirmed. "I never got around to coming back," he said.

Delay costs Perks

STEVE Perks missed the winning ride on Argyle Cavalier at Edinburgh yesterday after an overseas hold-up.

Perks, engaged by trainer Francis Lee in the three-runner Edinburgh Gold Cup, failed to return in time from a foreign weekend riding stint.

The plane bringing Perks home was delayed and travelling head man, Colin Nolan, booked John Carroll as replacement.

Carroll had few worries pushing the 6-4 joint-favourite past market rival Best Appearance approaching the final furlong to win by two lengths.

The patience of Delpiombo's owners was rewarded with victory in the Wimpey Homes Selling Stakes.

As Tim Fitzgerald, representing his father Jimmy, explained: "He has been fired, has had splints, the virus, in fact you name it, and he's had it. His owners, Paul Coulter and Philip Parker, have been very patient and it has paid off for them."

Foreign policy paying off for Banbury

BY ALIX RAMSAY

BANBURY is not known as a home of international tennis but, for the duration of the Everest national club league, it is playing host to a collection of professionals from around the globe.

Banbury West End, which is not in Banbury at all but in the neighbouring village of Adderbury, is a tiny but hospitable club of 300 members, five hard courts and a small patch of rubble rumoured to be the site of a further two courts. However, their team list for the league is led by the Australians, Neil Borwick and Wayne Arthurs, ranked 123 and 335 in the world, and the South African pair of Marius Bernard and Johann De Beer, who are ranked 401 and 427.

The strength of the squad has given Banbury a clear lead at the top of the A section of the premier division after good wins over Castle Farm, from Newcastle, on Saturday and away to Ilkley on Sunday.

Banbury decided to get serious about league tennis after their appearance in the European club championships last year, when a group of home-grown players found themselves losing to the likes of Emilio Sánchez. "When we came back, we thought: 'Right, let's find a way to win this thing'," John Spratt, the non-playing captain, said.

With the financial backing of a local company, Banbury set about assembling a fearsome squad. Their labours are now beginning to bear fruit.

RESULTS: Premier division: Men A: Saturday: Banbury West End 4, Castle Farm 2; David Lloyd Bushey 3, Holcombe Brook 3 (Bushey win 8-7 on sets); Ilkley 1, Shipley Hall 5. Sunday: Ilkley 1, Banbury West End 5; Shipley Hall 3, Holcombe Brook 3 (Holcombe win 8-7 on sets); Castle Farm 5, David Lloyd Bushey 1. Men B: Saturday: Clearview 3, David Lloyd Heston 3 (Clearview win on top singles victory); David Lloyd Raynes Park 5, Millfield 1, Royal Berkshire 5, Winchester 1. Sunday: Royal Berkshire 6, Clearview 0, Winchester 3, Millfield 3 (Winchester win 7-6 on sets); David Lloyd Heston 1, David Lloyd Raynes Park 5. Women A: Saturday: Banbury West End 6, Bramhall Park 0; Dunfermline 1, Edgbaston Priory 5; Gosling 1, Holcombe Brook 5. Sunday: Gosling 2, Banbury West End 4, Holcombe Brook 6, Edgbaston Priory 0, Bramhall Park 4, Dunfermline 2. Women B: Saturday: Caversham 1, Clearview 5; Globe 4, Surrey TCC 2, Winchester 6, King's LTC 0. Sunday: Winchester 6, Caversham 0, King's LTC 3, Surrey TCC 3 (Surrey TCC win on top singles victory); Clearview 6, Globe 0.

Johnson shines in Seattle romp

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

RANDY Johnson, of the Seattle Mariners baseball club, pitched a one-hitter in a 7-0 away win over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday. The 6ft 8in left-hander, who retired the first 22 batters, lost his attempt at a no-hitter on Lance Blankenship's one-out single in the ninth inning.

The victory was the Mariners' first at the Oakland Coliseum for nearly three years, ending a 16-game losing streak there. Johnson, who pitched a one-hitter against the Athletics two years ago, walked three batters and struck out a season-high 14.

But for Blankenship's hit, Johnson would have joined his team-mate, Chris Bosio, as the only pitchers to record no-hitters this season. Bosio pitched his no-hitter in April but broke a collar-bone in his next start.

George Brett, of the Kansas City Royals, took another step towards the Hall of Fame with the 300th home run of his career in a 7-3 win over the Cleveland Indians last week. Brett's home run added his name to a list of superior former players — Hank Aaron, Stan Musial, Carl Yastrzemski, Willie Mays and Al Kaline — with at least 3,000 hits and 300 homers. Brett, who turned 40 on Saturday, added a home run in a 4-2 win over the California Angels on Sunday.

Beneficial to defy weight in Predominate

GOODWOOD
BBC1

2.40: Son Of Sharp Shot can prove he is still ahead of the handicapper. This fast-improving colt is 6lb worse off with Grand Applause than when mastering that rival by a length and a half at Bath last time, but can overcome that weight disadvantage. He will be suited by this extra two furlongs and John Dunlop's stable has maintained its excellent start to the season. Grand Applause is closely matched with Bohemian Crown but this will be his fourth race inside three weeks, while Licorne looks harshly treated on her handicap debut. Nemea, highly tried last season, could run well if she settles early.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.10: With Fatherland on course for the Derby, expect Lester Piggott to test fully Geisway's credentials. Geisway would have to win well to persuade Piggott to desert Fatherland. However, Beneficial can successfully concede him 3lb. Unfortunately not entered for the Derby, Geoffrey Wragg's colt won in rare style at Chester last time and should feel at home on this track. Salatin boasts useful form over distances up to a mile and is bred to be suited by this ten furlongs. He should be prominent, but the others look outclassed.

3.40: Half Term can take this on his way to better things. A half-brother to Luca Cumani's high-class miler Half A Year, Half Term distanced himself from a field of maidens on his only start and should get a useful lead from the fast-starting Surprise Offer. The gelding showed he retained his juvenile ability when leading the Abernant Stakes field for five furlongs last time. However, he has yet to win over six. Factual has ability but, despite a winner yesterday, his stable is having a quiet year.

JULIAN MUSCAT

BEVERLEY

THUNDERER
2.30 Passion Sunday. 3.00 Diplomatist. 3.30 Pay Homage. 4.00 **LATEST FLAME** (nap). 4.30 Native Mission. 5.00 Sir Harry Hardman.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Bay Queen.
Private Handicapper's top rating: **5.00 LUCKY PARKES.**

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.30 GREEN DRAGON SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (9 runners)

1 04 HARPO'S SPECIAL 15 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 K Fallon 4
2 2 PASSION SUNDAY 18 M H Easterby 8-11 K Darley 8
3 0 WEST COAST 11 G Moore 8-11 J Fanning 6
4 6 BROOKHEAD LADY 12 P Evans 8-6 D Holland 5
5 CARNEGIE BLUE M Channon 8-6 Paul Eddery 7
6 0 MARTIAN FOREST 10 M Channon 8-6 J Williams 9
7 22 *PALACEGATE JO 11 (BF) J Berry 8-6* J Carroll 3
8 0 RITA'S JOY 10 W Turner 8-6 T Sprake 1
9 TEN TIMES TANGO M Britain 8-6 M Wigham 2

13-8 Palacegate Jo, 7-2 Passion Sunday, 4-1 Harpo's Special, 8-1 Carnegie Blue, Martian Forest, 14-1 Rita's Joy, 16-1 others.

3.00 WINDMILL INN MAIDEN
(3-Y-O: £3,201: 7f 100yd) (7)

1 JAMANE J Mackie 9-0 G Carter 5
2 KINTAVI J Mackie 9-0 G Hind 4
3 CAVATINA T Donnelly 8-9 S D Williams (3) 2
4 35 CELESTIAL CHOIR 4 J Eyre 8-9 O Pears (5) 7
5 04- DIPLOMATIST 257 W Jarvis 8-9 L Dettori 6
6 0- FLASHELLA 326 J Hetherton 8-9 J Lowe 3
7 00-5 MYSILV 21 C Wall 8-9 P Robinson 1

8-11 Diplomatist, 5-2 Mysilv, 4-1 Celestial Choir, 16-1 Flashella, 25-1 others.

3.30 DAVID SWANNELL MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP (£6,396: 1m 100yd) (8)

1 4301 PAY HOMAGE 15 (CD,F,G) I Balding 5-9-7 L Dettori 2
2 010- *CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 227 (D) M H Easterby 4-9-6* M Birch 4
3 4102 NO SUBMISSION 11 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 7-6-11 S Wood 3
4 0053 AMENABLE 22 (BF,D,F,G,S) B Richmond 8-8-8 Alex Greaves 7
5 0710 *LEIF THE LUCKY 17 (BF,D,G,S) Miss S Hall 4-8-8* N Connorton 1
6 6-304 DOUBLE FLUTTER 40 (F) M Channon 4-8-7 Paul Eddery 5
7 16-2 LANGTRY LADY 6 (V,D,F,G,S) M Ryan 7-8-7 C Hodgson (5) 8
8 -203 ACHELOUS 19 (B,G,S) J Glover 6-8-7 Dale Gibson 6

9-4 Leif The Lucky, 11-4 Pay Homage, 9-2 Langtry Lady, 7-1 No Submission, 8-1 Double Flutter, 10-1 Cumbrian Challenge, 16-1 Amenable, 33-1 Achelous.

4.00 ANGEL FILLIES HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,915: 1m 1f 207yd) (10)

1 -112 BAY QUEEN 13 (CD,S) M Bell 9-7 M Fenton (5) 7
2 10-0 *LATEST FLAME 13 (C,F) M Channon 9-1* Paul Eddery 4
3 2-15 ALYAKKH 19 (G) H Thomson Jones 8-13 N Carlisle 9
4 52-2 SOLARTICA 41 (BF) J Fanshawe 8-11 K Darley 2
5 *8-00 BOBBYSOXER 15 J Dunlop 8-8* B Carter 8
6 610- PERSIAN FOUNTAIN 273 (V,C,S) B Rothwell 8-7 J Fortune 5
7 00-0 RISPOTO 49 M Prescott 8-4 G Duffield 3
8 5461 BARLEY CAKE 10 (CD,F) T Fairhurst 7-13 J Fanning 10
9 250- AMERIGUE 232 (G) Miss S Hall 7-10 J Lowe 6
10 0-40 MERRY MERMAID 15 J Bottomley 7-7 L Charnock 1

11-4 Bay Queen, 3-1 Solartica, 5-1 Bobbysoxer, 13-2 Latest Flame, 8-1 Alyakkh, 12-1 Rispoto, 14-1 Barley Cake, 20-1 others.

4.30 ROSE & CROWN HANDICAP
(£3,235: 1m 3f 216yd) (16)

1 1/0 NATIVE MISSION 13 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-0 K Fallon 15
2 1236 GOLDEN TORQUE 15 (D) R Bastiman 6-9-13 H Bastiman (7) 6
3 -200 *PERSONAL HAZARD 12 (B,F) M H Easterby 4-9-10* S Maloney (3) 5
4 11-5 SALU 35 (B,D,G,S) J Etherington 4-9-1 G Duffield 10
5 040- IN TRUTH 11J (D,F,S) J Leigh 5-8-11 L Dettori 2
6 0-53 WEST WITH THE WIND 11 (D,F,G) M Dods 6-8-8 S Webster 4
7 0034 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 7 (CD,F,G) M Brittain 6-8-4 J Lowe 13
8 31-0 JOSEPH'S WINE 13 (F,G) R Bastiman 4-8-3 Dean McKeown 8
9 0-00 MASTER OF THE ROCK 13 *Mrs P Barker 4-8-3* N Connorton 11
10 6645 LUKS AKURA 11 (V,D,F) M Johnston 5-7-10 M Baird (7) 1
11 05-0 NOT YET 11J (C,F,G) E Weymes 9-7-9 A Garth (5) 9
12 30-0 *ESCAPE TALK 46 (CD,F) J Dooler 5-7-7* J Fanning 14
13 00/0- LAMBSON 225J R Whitaker 6-7-7 N Carlisle 16
14 -535 NANCY 25 W Elsey 3-7-7 D Wright (7) 3
15 60-0 STATIA 11 Don Enrico Incisa 5-7-7 Kim Tinkler 7
16 650- ISOBAR 11J (F,G) M Chapman 7-7-7 S Wood 12

3-1 Native Mission, 5-1 Personal Hazard, Salu, 6-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 7-1 Golden Torque, 9-1 West With the Wind, 12-1 Luks Akura, 14-1 others.

5.00 ROYAL STANDARD CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,465: 5f) (11)

1 640- *SIZZLING SAGA 189 (D) J Wharton 5-9-9* S D Williams (3) 11
2 1/2-10 CASE LAW 17 (D,F,S) M Prescott 6-9-8 G Duffield 2
3 2-10 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 7 (D,G,S) F Lee 5-9-6 B Raymond 6
4 300- PALLIUM 213 (CD,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-4 N Connorton 4
5 6110 CELESTIAL KEY 14 (D,F,G) S Norton 3-9-3 O Pears (5) 9
6 531- ABERGELE 214 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-11 K Fallon 3
7 415/0/ ANOTHER LANE 1000 (D,F) J Wharton 6-8-9 J Williams 5
8 31 CHICKCHARNIE 17 (G) B Beasley 3-8-9 L Charnock 1
9 2-40 SAINT EXPRESS 17 (D,F) R Whitaker 3-8-9 A Culhane 7
10 1-32 LUCKY PARKES 13 (D,G) J Berry 3-8-7 J Carroll 8
11 12- *SABO SONG 354 (D,F) P Haslam 3-8-0* Dale Gibson 10

5-2 Lucky Parkes, 4-1 Case Law, Sir Harry Hardman, 8-1 Saint Express, 10-1 Abergele, 12-1 Sizzling Saga, 14-1 Chickcharnie, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Balding, 15 winners from 45 runners, 33.3%; M Channon, 6 from 18, 33.3%; C Wall, 3 from 10, 30%; J Fanshawe, 5 from 18, 27.8%; J Dunlop, 5 from 21, 23.8%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 16, 18.8%.
JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 10 winners from 28 rides, 35.7%; P Robinson, 6 from 32, 18.8%; D Holland, 9 from 52, 17.3%; K Darley, 29 from 186, 15.6%; G Duffield, 13 from 85, 15.3%; B Raymond, 11 from 74, 14.9%.

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 4.0 Persian Fountain GOODWOOD: 3.10 Canaska Star 5.20 Ice Strike

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.10 Arid. 2.40 Licorne. 3.10 Beneficial. 3.40 Half Term. 4.10 Zaahi. *4.45 Sweet Whisper.* 5.20 Dancing Sensation.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: *3.10* **BENEFICIAL** *(nap). 4.10 Jeune.*

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 TREHEARNE & NORMAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,557: 7f) (8 runners)

101 (4) 50 ARID 19 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 M Roberts 94
102 (5) 00 BELFRY GREEN 15 (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 9-0 R Hills 85
103 (7) 0-2 JAAZIM 13 (H Al-Maktoum) Major W Hern 9-0 W Carson 99
104 (6) 0 KUTAN 12 (G Piper) R Simpson 9-0 A Tucker (3) –
105 (1) 4 MOON FLASK 17 (Sultan Mohammed) P Makin 9-0 Pat Eddery 91
106 (8) 43204-2 SIMPLY FINESSE 19 (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 9-0 T Quinn 96
107 (2) 404 SLEEPTITE 10 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 D Biggs 76
108 (3) 00 WOODMANS STAR 10 (Mrs E Sheehan) D Shaw 9-0 K Rutter (5) 76

BETTING: 9-4 Jaazim, 11-4 Arid, 100-30 Simply Finesse, 8-1 Moon Flask, 10-1 Sleeptite, 16-1 others.
1992: HOPEFUL BID 9-0 B Raymond (6-4 fav) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARID 9¾l 5th of 22 to Planetary Aspect in a maiden at Newbury on penultimate start (1m, good), with BELFRY GREEN (same terms) 12¾l 14th. JAAZIM ¾l 2nd of 20 to Fourforfun in a maiden at Salisbury (6f, firm). MOON FLASK around 3l 4th of 6 to Feather Face in a maiden at Haydock (7f, good).
Selection: ARID

2.40 CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE HANDICAP BBC1
(3-Y-O: £4,751: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

201 (5) 021-3 PISTOL RIVER 13 (S) (P Green) R Hannon 9-7 J Reid 96
202 (7) 510-2 SOUL EMPEROR 27 (S) (F Salman) M Bell 9-4 A Munro 86
203 (6) 4200-02 NEMEA 10 (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 9-0 Pat Eddery 99
204 (2) 4-42 LICORNE 17 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-12 W Ryan 90
205 (5) 060-01 SON OF SHARP SHOT 21 (B) (Windflower Inc) J Dunlop 8-10 W Carson 93
206 (4) 50-43 BOHEMIAN CROWN 15 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-10 M Roberts 97
207 (1) 036-225 GRAND APPLAUSE 3 (M Lewis) R Simpson 8-5 S Whitworth 96

BETTING: 5-2 Son Of Sharp Shot, 9-2 Licorne, 5-1 Bohemian Crown, Nemea, 6-1 Pistol River 8-1 others.
1992: EL VOLADOR 5-8-8 R Cochrane (7-1) R O'Sullivan 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PISTOL RIVER 2½l 3rd of 14 to Major Yaasi in a handicap at Salisbury (1m 2f, firm). SOUL EMPEROR 6l 2nd of 4 to White Muzzle in a conditions race at Catterick (1m 4f, good to soft). NEMEA 1l 2nd of 7 to Hazard A Guess in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). LICORNE 1½l 2nd of 7 to Gisarne in a maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good). SON OF SHARP SHOT beat GRAND APPLAUSE (6lb better off) 1½l in an 11-runner handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good). GRAND APPLAUSE 5l 2nd of 14 to American Swinger in a handicap at Kempton on penultimate start (1m 1f, good to firm), with BOHEMIAN CROWN (2lb better off) a short-head 3rd.
Selection: LICORNE

3.10 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS PREDOMINATE STAKES BBC1
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £21,540: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

301 (6) 211-121 BENEFICIAL 12 (D,F,G) (Exors of the late Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 9-1 M Hills 98
302 (5) 321-336 MR MARTINI 16 (B,F,G) (Circlechart Ltd) C Brittain 9-1 R Cochrane 91
303 (2) 2240-06 CANASKA STAR 17 (B,BF) (Mr J Sifton) P Kelleway 8-12 T Quinn 98
304 (3) 154212- GEISWAY 234 (F,G) (P Green) R Hannon 8-12 L Piggott 99
305 (4) 412-32 SALATIN 15 (BF,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-12 W Carson 96
306 (1) 411-36 VISTO SI STAMPI 24 (G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 8-12 Pat Eddery 89

BETTING: 5-4 Beneficial, 7-2 Salatin, 5-1 Geisway, 12-1 Visto Si Stampi, 16-1 Mr Martini, 33-1 Canaska Star.
1992: JEUNE 8-12 M Hills (7-1) G Wragg 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BENEFICIAL impressively beat Blues Traveller 5l in the 6-runner Dee Stakes at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm).
Previously, beat True Hero a head in a 6-runner conditions race at Ripon (1m 1f, good), with VISTO SI STAMPI (3lb better off) 7l 3rd.
MR MARTINI 2¾l 3rd of 12 to Eastern Memories in a handicap at Newbury on penultimate start (1m, good). GEISWAY ½l 2nd of 10 to Desert Secret in the group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot in September (1m, soft).
SALATIN 2l 3rd of 7 to So Factual in the Free Handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) handicap.
Selection: BENEFICIAL (nap)

3.40 ANNE FRANCES STEVENS MEMORIAL CONDITIONS STAKES BBC1
(3-Y-O: £3,525: 6f) (5 runners)

401 (5) 413-6 FACTUAL 19 (D,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 Pat Eddery 94
402 (1) 3226-14 LORD OLIVIER 38 (D,F) (Miss V Jarvis) W Jarvis 9-0 M Tebbutt 98
403 (2) 1- *HALF TERM 202 (D,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-10* M Roberts 94
404 (4) 51133-4 SURPRISE OFFER 35 (B,D,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-10 L Piggott 99
405 (3) 84640-3 CARRANITA 21 (D,G) (Lamb Lane Associates) B Palling 8-5 Stephen Davies (5) 95

BETTING: 2-1 Surprise Offer, 9-4 Half Term, 3-1 Factual, 13-2 Lord Olivier, 12-1 Carranita.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FACTUAL 3½l 3rd of 6 to Zieten in the group I Newgate Stud Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket in October (7f, good). LORD OLIVIER around 5½l 4th of 8 to Sea Gazer in a listed race at Haydock (5f, good to soft)
HALF TERM beat Castel Rosselo 5l in a 12-runner maiden at Yarmouth in October (6f, good). SURPRISE OFFER 2½l 4th of 7 to Splice in a listed race at Newmarket (6f, good). CARRANITA around 1½l 3rd of 7 to Specified in a conditions race at Nottingham (6f, good to soft)
Selection: SURPRISE OFFER

4.10 FESTIVAL STAKES (Listed race: £10,575: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

501 (6) 40-65 JUSTICE 12 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-7 Pat Eddery 76
502 (4) 12012-3 JEUNE 18 (CD,F,G) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 4-9-4 R Cochrane 99
503 (1) 12235-3 ZAAHI 25 (BF,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 4-9-4 R Hills 98
504 (5) 20000-0 BOBZAO 46 (D,F,S) (T Mills) T Mills 4-9-1 J Reid 85
505 (2) 122220- RED BISHOP 184 (D,G,S) (A Saeed) J Gosden 5-9-1 M Roberts 94
506 (3) 20132-2 CLOUD OF DUST 34 (F,G,S) (Miss P Kwok) J Dunlop 4-8-13 T Quinn 95

The trainer states that Red Bishop will only run if there is overnight rain

BETTING: 9-4 Jeune, 11-4 Zaahi, 7-2 Red Bishop, 9-2 Cloud Of Dust, 16-1 Bobzao, 33-1 Justice
1992: FLASHFOOT 4-8-12 R Cochrane (7-4 fav) I Balding 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUSTICE 19l last of 5 to Shambo in the group III Ormonde Stakes at Chester (1m 5f 89yd, good to firm). JEUNE 2¾l 3rd of 8 to Zinaad in the group II Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). ZAAHI 2¾l 3rd of 7 to Alhijaz in the group II Gardner Merchant Mile at Sandown (1m, good to firm). BOBZAO 36l last of 8 to Captain Horatius in a listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft). RED BISHOP 1½l 2nd of 7 to Silvernesian in the group I Gran Premio del Jockey Club at San Siro on penultimate start (1m 4f, soft). CLOUD OF DUST 1½l 2nd of 13 to Ezzoud in group the III Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good).
Selection: JEUNE

4.45 GOODWOOD AERODROME CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,687: 6f) (12 runners)

601 (12) 0 HE SHALL REIGN 18 (D Sieff) J Dunlop 8-13 W Carson –
602 (4) THORNY BISHOP (T Thorn) J Budgen 8-13 G Bardwell –
603 (3) FIRST SHOT (Mrs C Sinden) P Hedger 8-11 W Ryan –
604 (2) 41 MAZEEKA 8 (G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-11 Emma O'Gorman (3) 96
605 (9) 05 SON OF HADEER 12 (Mrs J Khan) P Howling 8-11 J Quinn 82
606 (5) 0 SHERIFF 18 (C Brown) J Hills 8-9 R Hills –
607 (10) 613 SWEET WHISPER 22 (G) (P Savill) R Hannon 8-8 Pat Eddery 99
608 (1) 3440 RISKY AFFAIR 18 (G Prichard) G Lewis 8-7 D Harrison (3) 93
609 (8) 22601 RISKIE THINGS 10 (F) (T Pasquale) J Moore 8-5 Mark Denaro (7) 96
610 (11) 0 STORM 38 (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 8-5 W Newnes –
611 (7) 0 PETITE POET 25 (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-4 D Biggs –
612 (6) 26 ROSE OF GLENN 22 (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 8-0 Stephen Davies (5) 91

BETTING: 11-8 Sweet Whisper, 5-2 Mazeeka, 7-1 Riskie Things, 8-1 Risky Affair, 10-1 He Shall Reign, 12-1 Rose Of Glenn, 16-1 others
1992: BOURBON JACK 8-13 A Munro (3-1 fav) J Payne 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAZEEKA beat Leap Of Faith 1½l in a 7-runner maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 5f, standard). Previously, 3l 4th of 23 to Mild Rebuke in a maiden auction at Newmarket (5f, good), with RISKY AFFAIR (13lb better off) 4½l 11th, SHERIFF (15lb better off) 5½l 16th and HE SHALL REIGN (3lb better off) 2l 18th. SON OF HADEER 10½l 5th of 11 to Bid For Blue in a maiden at Brighton (5f 59yd, firm). SWEET WHISPER 5l 3rd of 9 to Lemon Souffle in a conditions race at Windsor (5f, good to soft). Previously, beat Petrathene a neck in a 7-runner maiden auction at Brighton (5f 59yd, good), with RISKY AFFAIR (6lb better off) a neck and a short head 4th and RISKIE THINGS (3lb better off) 20l 6th. RISKY AFFAIR 3¼l 4th of 10 to Window Display in a claimer at Folkestone on penultimate start (5f, good to soft).
Selection: SWEET WHISPER

5.20 COCKED HAT HANDICAP (£3,757: 1m 1f) (22 runners)

1 (13) 304-134 REFLECTING 94 (G) (P Leonard) J Gosden 4-9-11 Pat Eddery 97
2 (22) 112060- MISTY VIEW 54J (F,G) (M Pascall) J White 4-9-10 W Ryan 89
3 (8) 200-004 BRESIL 10 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 4-9-10 S Whitworth 89
4 (20) 05165-5 REMANY 26 (F) (A Hall) J Fanshawe 4-9-8 R Hills 93
5 (9) 00/64-00 YOUNG MAX 8 (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-6 Tracey Purseglove (7) 84
6 (19) 04321-1 WAKIL 19 (F,G) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 4-9-4 A Munro 92
7 (5) 6400-50 MOON SPIN 15 (F) (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 4-9-4 W Carson 90
8 (3) 011-000 LUCKY NOIRE 11 (F,S) (Mrs C Harrison) G Harwood 5-9-0 P Houghton (7) 96
9 (21) 104000- ROLY WALLACE 211 (F) (K Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-0 M Tebbutt 87
10 (10) 500053- DOYCE 194 (G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 4-8-12 R Cochrane 85
11 (17) 002445- CELIA BRADY 232 (F) (Mrs D Blackburn) H Candy 5-8-12 W Newnes 87
12 (14) 0300-24 ALTERMEERA 24 (BF) (R Simmons) Mrs B Waring 5-8-9 G Bardwell 93
13 (4) 45600-0 LORD OBERON 15 (F,G) (Mrs A Quinn) J Akehurst 5-8-9 NON-RUNNER –
14 (7) 6443-02 *LADY LACEY 15 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs K Parris) G Balding 6-8-7* R Price 95
15 (18) 20-6200 TADORA 45 (G) (R Lamb) C Benstead 4-8-7 B Rouse 90
16 (11) 0364-22 STATE OF AFFAIRS 21 (F) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-8-6 J Reid 92
17 (16) 435-308 DANCING BEAU 15 (G) (L Lazarus) S Dow 4-8-6 F Norton 95
18 (2) 00-00 ICE STRIKE 24 (B) (C Nelson) J Hills 4-8-5 M Hills 89
19 (1) 011604 ALBERT 8 (CD,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-8-5 J Quinn 98
20 (6) 604-560 JOLTO 6 (G) (Mrs G Gooderham) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-4 D Biggs 88
21 (12) 100600- NORMAN WARRIOR 235 (S) (Mrs P Lunn) D Morris 4-8-3 J Weaver (3) 88
22 (15) 405-451 DANCING SENSATION 12 (F) (Chelgate Ltd) R Akehurst 6-8-2 T Quinn 99

BETTING: 5-1 Dancing Sensation, 6-1 Wakil, 7-1 Remany, State Of Affairs, 8-1 Lady Lacey, Reflecting, 10-1 Altermeera, Celia Brady, 12-1 Doyce, Moon Spin, 14-1 Albert, 16-1 others.
1992: PORT SUNLIGHT 4-9-8 R Cochrane (11-2) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

REFLECTING 1¼l 4th of 12 to Malcher in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f, standard). REMANY 4¾l 5th of 19 to Romola Nijinsky in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to soft). WAKIL beat Waki Gold a head in an 18-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m, good), with YOUNG MAX (10lb better off) 31l 18th. MOON SPIN 8l 5th of 15 to Va Utu in a handicap at Leicester on penultimate start (1m 4f, firm). DOYCE 2¾l 4th of 9 to Lamarwood Junior in a handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good to soft). CELIA BRADY 2½l 5th of 17 to Darakah in a handicap at Bath (1m, good to soft), with LORD OBERON (11lb better off) 1l 6th. ALTERMEERA 2¾l 4th of 18 to General Chase in a handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good), with ICE STRIKE (5lb better off) 18l 15th. LADY LACEY 2½l 2nd of 21 to Rosietoes in an apprentices' handicap at Warwick (1m, good to firm). STATE OF AFFAIRS 2½l 2nd of 13 to Sword Master in a handicap at Bath (1m 3f 110yd, good). DANCING BEAU 9l 6th of 6th of 17 to Here He Comes in a handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm), with MOON SPIN (2lb worse off) 5l 13th and LORD OBERON (4lb better off) tailed off last. DANCING SENSATION beat Tyrone Flyer 3l in a 13-runner handicap at Brighton (7f, firm).
Selection: DANCING SENSATION

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	22	64	34.4	M Hills	18	85	21.2
W Hern	6	27	22.2	A Munro	18	86	20.9
D Wilson	7	32	21.9	Pat Eddery	41	202	20.3
M Stoute	15	76	19.7	W Carson	45	230	19.6
J Gosden	11	59	18.6	J Reid	27	156	17.3
G Wragg	4	23	17.4	R Cochrane	24	182	13.2

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Bath

Going: good

2.15 (1m 5yd) 1, DANNY BOY (Pat Eddery, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, The Executor (T Quinn, 9-2); 3, Two Lumps (R Cochrane, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Alta Victoria, 8 Migavon (4th), 14 Moran Brig, 25 Dickins, 33 Boltrose, Treble Lass, Princess Shawnee, 50 Master Beveled (5th), Baulking Towers (6th), Stratton Flyer. 13 ran. 2½l, 5l, 2½l, 1l, 5l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £4.90. CSF: £12.69.

2.45 (5f 11yd) 1, DESERT LORE (L Piggott, 3-1); 2, Jacob Bogdani (T Quinn, 10-1); 3, Sun Chief (D Holland, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Blue Bomber, 14 Monsieur Petong, Titania's Dance, 16 Colne Valley (4th), Alpine Skier (5th), 25 Bandar Perak, Northern Starlight (6th), 33 Bae The Bullet, Julia Tonga, Reigning Royal, 50 Anotherone To Note, Silver Brief, She's Sweet. 16 ran. NR: Giggleswick Girl. Nk, 2½l, 1½l, 1½l, nk. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £2.70, £3.60. DF: £17.20. CSF: £34.66.

3.15 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, CAPTAIN'S GUEST (R Hills, 100-30 jt-fav); 2, Black Dragon (M Roberts, 9-2); 3, Runaway Pete (T Quinn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt-fav Prerogative (4th), 8 Beauchamp Hero (5th), 9 Bayrak, 10 Flakey Dove, 25 Bijou Fire, 33 Chapel Of Barras, 50 Colway Prince (6th), Miss Michelle, Unification, Arctic Line, Whatone Bell, 100 The Gorrock. 15 ran. 2½l, 3½l, nk, 3l, 10l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £13.90. CSF: £18.35.

3.45 (1m 2f 46yd) 1, BARON FERDINAND (R Cochrane, 2-5 fav); 2, Fieldridge (J Reid, 10-1); 3, Leewa (M Roberts, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Space Box (5th), 16 Zaahayah, 20 Red Whirlwind (4th), 25 Jonsalan, Sandro, 33 Class Attraction (6th), Moshaajir, Dig In The Ribs, 50 Take A Flyer, Rolling Waters, 66 Gesnera, Ronco. 15 ran. 2l, 2½l, hd, sh hd, 8l. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.00, £2.90. DF: £4.70. CSF: £7.21.

4.15 (1m 5f 22yd) 1, ELAINE TULLY (J Reid, 11-2); 2, Atlantic Way (J Quinn, 7-1); 3, Athar (A Munro, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Truben (4th), 7-2 Spectacular Dawn (5th), 13-2 Rocquaine Bay (6th), 14 Child Star, 20 Jadidh, 66 Ruby Davies. 8 ran. ½l, nk, 4l, nk, ¾l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £6.20; £2.10, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £48.40. CSF: £40.20. Tricast: £186.36.

4.45 (5f 11yd) 1, HALLORINA (G Bardwell, 2-1 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Champagne Grandy (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 3, The Ordinary Girl (N Adams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Jeremiahs Boy, 6 Windrush Boy (6th), 9 Cloudy Reef (4th), 12 Melodys Daughter, 20 Purbeck Centenary (5th), 33 Air Command, Disco Boy, 50 Creagmhor, Lady of Shadows. 12 ran. 1½l, 2l, ½l, 6l, nk. W Wightman at Upham. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £1.50, £3.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £9.30.

5.15 (5f 161yd) 1, TRUTHFUL IMAGE (D Biggs, 5-1); 2, Call To The Bar (A Clark, 11-2); 3, Blue Topaze (J Williams, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Elton Ledger, 7 Cee-En-Cee, 12 Unveiled, Cobblers Hill, 14 Rushanes, 16 Scarlet Princess (6th), Farmer Jock, 20 Samsolom (4th), Gallant Hope, Dawes Of Nelson, 25 Grand Time, 33 Thorning (5th). 15 ran. 2l, 2½l, hd, nk, 3l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £6.70; £2.30, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £26.50. CSF: £33.04. Tricast: £127.60.

5.45 (1m 5yd) 1, PROUD BRIGADIER (T Quinn, 9-1); 2, Credit Squeeze (R Hills, 9-1); 3, Homemaker (J Williams, 10-1). 4, 11; 3, Homemaker ... ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Silky Siren (5th), 5 Good For The Roses, 12 Scottish Bambi, Rosetoes (6th), 14 October Brew, 16 Charmed Knave, 20 Beatle Song, Top One, Heart Of Spain, Sarum, 33 Loch Dutch, Asterix, Red Sombrero, 66 Chris-tian Warrior. 18 ran. 3l, 2l, 4l, 2l, 2½l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £9.60; £1.90, £2.50, £1.70, £2.60. DF: £48.80. CSF: £88.95. Tricast: £782.25.

Placepot: £33.80.

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Going: soft

2.00 (5f) 1, MISS MAH-JONG (Dean McKeown, 8-11 fav); 2, Monkey Music (J Carroll, 9-2); 3, Storm Regent (W Woods, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Iberian Magic (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 5l, ½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.20.

2.30 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, MOIDART (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Absalom's Pillar (J Lowe, 4-1); 3, Marathia (W Woods, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Santa Stellar (4th), 14 Nicknome, 33 Sweetwater Moon (5th), Severe Storm (6th), 66 Tri My Way. 8 ran. 6l, hd, ½l, 15l, 10l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £6.50. CSF: £10.80.

3.00 (1m 3f 32yd) 1, ARGYLE CAVALIER (J Carroll, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Best Appearance (K Fallon, 6-4 jt-fav); 3, Milngavie (J Fanning, 11-4). 3 ran. 2l, 3½l. F Lee at Wilmslow. Tote: £2.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.84.

3.30 (1m 16yd) 1, DELPIOMBO (K Fallon, 5-4 fav); 2, Formaestre (O Pears, 11-2); 3, Chantry Bellini (N Connorton, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Invertiel (4th), 12 Bold Philip (5th), 14 Mr Snail, 25 Laurel Connection, 50 Lady Adare (6th). 8 ran. 4l, ¾l, 3l, 7l, 10l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £3.90; £1.10, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £7.90. CSF: £8.14. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.00 (1m 16yd) 1, AL MOULOUKI (W Hood, 9-4; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Karinska (G Duffield, 5-1); 3, Anusha (P Roberts, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Desirable Miss (4th), 16 Quessong (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 4l, 10l, 1½l. J Payne at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £2.10, £2.80. DF: £9.00. CSF: £11.63.

4.30 (7f 15yd) 1, SUSANNA'S SECRET (S Maloney, 7-1); 2, Blue Grit (V Halliday, 2-1 fav); 3, Master Ofthe House (J Carroll, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Peedie Peat (6th), 9-2 Cool Enough (4th), 17-2 Miss Hostess (5th), 33 Principal Player. 7 ran. Nk, 7l, ½l, ½l, 1½l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £7.70; £6.40, £1.70. DF: £13.40. CSF: £18.69.

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Swinburn rides in France

WALTER Swinburn has two rides at Saint-Cloud today for trainer Jean Lesbordes. His first mount is Urban Sea in the group two Prix Jean de Chaudenay over a mile and a half.

He faces eight rivals, the best of which is likely to be the Andre Fabre-trained Apple Tree, who was narrowly beaten in the Jockey Club Stakes last month at Newmarket.

Urban Sea's last run was in the International Cup in Hong Kong on April 18 when he finished sixth. Swinburn's other mount is Monopole in the one-mile Prix Faucheur.

Paul Cole could run Fret in the group three Prix La Force at Longchamp on Thursday.

Nottinghamshire squander good chance of victory

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S: Middlesex (5pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (6)

THE evidence is overwhelming. Nottinghamshire are not interested in winning the championship unless others conspire in their favour. There can be no alternative interpretation of this latest batting performance that must have challenged the belief even of one baptised in the Trent.

Appropriately enough, when the game expired at five minutes to six, Lord's was shrouded in gloom, darker than the five lights shining on the Grandstand could suggest. Then a brief and wonderful storm blew across the ground. All the scene needed was King Lear to appear at the Nursery End and denounce his daughters.

Had the poor old chap been watching the cricket, Goneril and Regan might have got off lightly. One man was responsible for Nottinghamshire's inability to win the most winnable of games — oddly enough, the man who made the highest score in both innings.

Tim Robinson has often resembled a stag at bay, wounded by the darts of unsympathetic observers. Try as one might, it was impossible to be charitable about the way Nottinghamshire approached their task yesterday afternoon when the match was so palpably within their compass.

A target of 282 in a minimum of 81 overs — they received two more — had come down to 76 when the last 20 overs began, with five wickets in hand.

Robinson and Paul Johnson had just made 116 for the third wicket much as they pleased. Middlesex, without the injured all-rounder, Feltham, were down to four regular bowlers.

Cairns and Lewis are both strokeplayers by instinct yet, in the next ten overs, they advanced the score by only 11 runs. When Lewis emerged from his shell to sweep Emburey to the square leg boundary, he had gone 42 minutes without a run; in other words, the length of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony.

They were obviously playing to instructions and those instructions were obviously barmy. Emburey was not turning the ball. Tufnell was not even trying to, opting to frustrate the batsmen by aiming into the rough from over the wicket. Middlesex were on the ropes.



Robinson: over-cautious

In this position of strength, Nottinghamshire wanted to be absolutely certain they could not lose before they tried to win.

Therefore, they should expect no sympathy for failing to achieve that limited ambition and should not carp at any criticism of their methods.

How much better they would be if Robinson trusted the talent within his side. At the start of last season, someone at a rival county thought they were "25 points" better than any other team and, although that may have been generous, there is far more to them than they appear to want to show.

There were at least three singles an over available from Tufnell: few of them were taken. When quick runs were needed, 65 of them in ten overs, Cairns lifted Emburey to deep square leg. They still needed 35 from the last four overs when the rain came.

Emburey and Tufnell denied them not so much with the ball — their combined contribution of 54 overs went for 170 — but with the bat. Their last-wicket stand realised 62 runs, 47 of them yesterday morning, before Pick brought the Middlesex curtain down.

So there were two lessons to be learned: bowl straighter and get a move on.

Essex saved by elements

BY IVO TENNANT

THE OVAL (final day of four): Surrey (6pts) drew with Essex (8)

TALK about outrageous fortune. Only the weather yesterday prevented Surrey, who had won their first two championship matches, from gaining a third and crucial victory. They needed a further 64 off 12.3 overs to beat Essex, not so much champion county as also-rans in this game, when the match was abandoned.

Having bowled out Essex for 153 on a pitch that had become slower, Surrey were left a minimum of 34 overs to make 242. This was not the kind of task they would relish, but they went about it with immense cheek. The openers made 56 off six overs and others, notably Ward, batted as they can rarely have done even in the one-day game.

Nothing illustrated their prowess so much as the figures returned by Such: six overs for 66. Brown and Darren Bicknell carted Foster and Ilott from the outset and Ward reached his half-century off just 40 balls.

All five lights were on at that time, which would indicate just how well he played. This was not indiscriminate slogging but clean hitting of anything remotely pitched up. He hardly needed to bother making use of the Oval's great outfield since most of the time the ball was going to or over the ropes.

When Ward was held by Lewis at long-on off Pringle, Essex were 169 for four with 13 overs left. Stewart did not have the opportunity to play himself in, and nor did he have need of it. He had just square-cut Foster for six when the ground became enveloped by mizzling rain.

Essex, 126 ahead at the start, had never been able to contemplate declaring. So they batted accordingly, not least when Pringle (95 minutes for 13) and Garnham (111 minutes making 12) were in partnership. The loss of Salim Malik without addition in the opening overs, coupled with Surrey having had a rather better start to the season than they have done, vexed them more than it should have done.

Neither did Surrey enhance their own chances by not bringing on their spinner, Kendrick, until just before tea. In two overs he had Pringle taken at slip and bowled Garnham, then Waqar finished off the innings in his inimitable way.

Essex said yesterday that they would not be taking any further disciplinary action against Hussain, who was left out of their side on Sunday after a disagreement with Gooch.

A new season but an old opponent



To catch a trout: a carefully planned and expertly executed approach is essential but even the most experienced cannot guarantee success

Brian Clarke manoeuvres himself stealthily into a blind spot to pursue an elusive trout feeding in a troublesome part of the river

The first day back on the river, the first day of the new season, and my hurrying footsteps can slow. He is still there. After all this time, he is still there. Even from here, looking downstream and across, I can see him rising beneath the far bank; see the soft crinklings of light when he sips down a fly.

It will have to be the same approach: into the water downsteam of the alder, across the river as far as I can wade, and then that slow, uncertain inching upstream to within casting distance again. If I approach from here, I will be in full view; if I approach him from anywhere other than downstream, there is a risk he will see me.

I make a detour over the meadow on my own bank, crawl on hands and knees to the alder, and slip into the water. A coot explodes from the rushes and runs full tilt across the surface, leaving a linked chain of rings spreading out. A vole nibbling weed pauses and peers, senses danger or my tension, and is gone with a plop.

The world closes in. The songs of the lark and the cuckoo fade. The purple-hazed woods across the valley, the buttercupped fields all around, dissolve to soft focus. I am alone with the fish, locked on to it, cocooned with it. Little by little, I make my way across and then up.

I move so as to come as close in behind him as I can. Every trout has a blind spot behind it because of the way its eyes are angled slightly towards the front. Positioned that way, the fish gets the binocular vision that any predator needs. But there is a price to pay. This price.

I know the problems well, have thought them through time and time over. They have not changed. The trout is in a narrow channel that a wide bed of weed forces between it and the bank. Midway between the weed and the bank, a wooden post sticks up.

The trout is just in front of this post, riding the current, drifting idly to his left and his right, picking out flies from the concentrated stream of food that the weed-bed funnels in.

Getting my tiny, artificial fly into that yard-wide channel, catching neither the weed-bed nor the bank and avoiding the post, is the first problem.

The second problem is the other post. It does not break the surface and you would never know it was there. But I do. It is just downstream from the first post where the trout is lying. It was around the second post that he broke me last seasonon my last cast of my last day.

I am right behind him now; probably not in his blind spot but close to it, somewhere on the periphery of his vision, out from his flank about 15 yards behind. I edge forward another yard or two. I can probably reach him from here.

Up he comes again, this time sliding so far to his right that I can see the tilted prow of his nose in clear silhouette. I mark his precision precisely, hold myself ready and unhitch the fly.

The water toys with the light, slipping it here, sliding it there. A frond of weed moves in sensuous curves. The water eases and crinkles. I can even hear his sipping noise through the silence I have made: the small noise he cannot help making because, each time he sucks in a fly, he sucks in some air at the same time. There is his nose again, there is the sip, there are the rings. I cast.

I am unprepared. After the long close season and with no chance to practise, I had expected it to take time to recover accuracy and length. But the line unfurls sweetly, the fly alights daintily; it floats towards him naturally and he takes it.

There is nothing skilled about my reaction. There is no measured pause and no controlled strike. Even as I see his nose and hear his sip, I am snatching back the rod, losing my footing, then losing my balance, shipping cold water.

It should not happen, of course. After all those years, with all that stored-up experience, it just should not happen. But it has.

In the instant I am berating myself, in the split-second I have to recover some kind of posture, he jumps. It is a huge, furious, high-speed jump, but somehow the essentials imprint — the golden flank, the open jaw, the clicked fly, the splinters of light, the ebbing waves: gone. Just like that.

I did have my plans: the ones for reaching the rod high and hauling on the line and stepping calmly back, with everything designed to deprive him of line and freedom of manoeuvre: to keep him on top and deny him the dive. But they are as leaden and dead now as the weight I can feel.

The line runs from my wrenched-around rod to the water behind the visible post, just as it did once before. I have the same ache inside, anticipate the same scarring jag-jag on the rod; feel it. Everything goes slack.

I don't know how he did it, but he did. I don't know how I could have done it, but I have. All that winter dreaming, all that careful planning, all that will-he-or-won't-he and can-I-or-can't-I, all of it, all of it, over in a flash.

The world comes back and the sound turns up: the water, the light, the meadows and the woods, the sky-high lark and the busying vole. The cuckoo: oh yes, the cuckoo.

What an extraordinary sport this is. All of that tranquility, then those tensions and dramas, and now, again, this, just as before. It is, of course, all this, the whole amazing combination of it, that brings me back to the water year after year.

Wonderful: day one and maybe love-one, but a whole season to come.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL *(final day of four): Surrey (6pts) drew with Essex (8)*

ESSEX: First Innings 418 (G A Gooch 79, J J B Lewis 56, D R Pringle 52)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch c Kersey b M P Bicknell	5
J P Stephenson run out	0
P J Prichard c Kersey b Benjamin	7
Salim Malik c Kersey b M P Bicknell	16
N Hussain c Lynch b Benjamin	52
J J B Lewis c Lynch b Benjamin	24
†M A Garnham b Kendrick	12
D R Pringle c Lynch b Kendrick	13
N A Foster not out	10
M C Ilott b Waqar	0
P M Such lbw b Waqar	0
Extras (lb 12, nb 2)	14
Total	153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-7, 3-24, 4-41, 5-110, 6-111, 7-141, 8-142, 9-153

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 25.2-7-43-2; M P Bicknell 25-11-46-2; Benjamin 24-10-33-3; Thorpe 7-3-8-0; Kendrick 4-2-11-2

SURREY: First Innings 330 (G P Thorpe 89; M C Ilott 7-65)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Salim b Such	33
A D Brown c Stephenson b Ilott	36
D M Ward c Lewis b Pringle	52
M A Lynch c Garnham b Pringle	32
*†A J Stewart not out	17
G P Thorpe not out	2
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (4 wkts)	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-85, 3-150, 4-169

BOWLING: Foster 6-3-1-46-0, Ilott 7-0-46-1, Such 6-0-66-1; Pringle 2-0-14-2

Umpires: G I Burgess and J W Holder

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

LORD'S *(final day of four): Middlesex (6pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (6)*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 281 (M A Roseberry 79 not out, M A Feltham 73, C L Cairns 5-68)

Second Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Cairns	98
M Keech lbw b Pick	32
M R Ramprakash c Robinson b Afford	3
*J D Carr lbw b Pick	3
†K R Brown c Lewis b Afford	11
J E Emburey lbw b Pick	54
M A Roseberry b Afford	0
N F Williams lbw b Cairns	6
A R C Fraser lbw b Afford	16
P C R Tufnell not out	18
Extras (b 4, lb 13, nb 8)	25
Total (9 wkts dec)	266

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-78, 2-81, 3-92, 4-131, 5-163, 6-184, 7-171, 8-204, 9-266.

BOWLING: Lewis 19-1-42-0, Cairns 22-3-76-2, Mike 4-0-19-0, Afford 22-8-58-4; Pick 12.2-1-53-3

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 266 (R T Robinson 112, P R Pollard 70; P C R Tufnell 5-77)

Second Innings

D W Randall c Brown b Fraser	24
P R Pollard c Keech b Tufnell	10
*R T Robinson c Keech b Emburey	69
P Johnson c sub b Emburey	52
M A Crawley b Tufnell	13
C L Cairns c Sub b Emburey	20
C C Lewis not out	17
G W Mike not out	11
Extras (b 4, lb 13, w 1, nb 13)	31
Total (6 wkts)	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-42, 3-158, 4-182, 5-194, 6-228.

BOWLING: Williams 9-1-40-0; Fraser 13-5-15-1, Emburey 26-5-83-3, Tufnell 28-3-87-2, Keech 3-1-5-0.

Umpires: R Julian and P Willey

Yorkshire v Worcestershire

BRADFORD *(final day of four): Yorkshire (4pts) drew with Worcestershire (1)*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 192 (M A Robinson 7-47)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon b Tolley	51
A A Metcalfe c Hick b Benjamin	76
R B Richardson c D'Oliveira b Tolley	1
D Byas not out	34
†R J Blakey c Lampitt b Benjamin	4
C White not out	21
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 4)	9
Total (4 wkts, 69.4 overs)	196

P W Jarvis, D Gough, R D Stemp, J D Batty and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-130, 2-134, 3-137, 4-146.

BOWLING: Benjamin 16-3-54-2, Newport 10-1-31-0; Lampitt 6-3-15-0, Tolley 18-4-39-2, Illingworth 14.4-5-33-0, Hick 4-0-17-0, D'Oliveira 1-1-0-0.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and G A Stickley.

Derbyshire v Glamorgan

DERBY *(final day of four): Glamorgan (23pts) beat Derbyshire (6) by 191 runs*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 320 (I V A Richards 86, S J Base 4-53)

Second Innings: 368 for 8 dec (M P Maynard 145, H Morris 100)

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 283 (P D Bowler 96, J E Morris 51)

Second Innings

*K J Barnett not out	108
P D Bowler c Metson b Watkin	6

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey (13)	3	2	0	1	8	11	51
Warwicks (6)	3	2	1	0	4	12	48
Somerset (0)	2	2	0	0	4	8	44
Glam (14)	2	2	0	0	6	5	43
Notts (4)	3	1	0	1	5	12	41
Middx (11)	3	1	0	2	5	13	33
Derbys (5)	2	1	1	0	6	8	30
Yorks (16)	2	1	0	1	4	8	28
Lancs (12)	2	1	1	0	5	5	26
Northants (3)	2	1	1	0	3	7	26
Essex (1)	2	0	1	1	6	8	14
Worcs (17)	2	0	0	1	1	5	14
Leics (8)	2	0	2	0	3	8	11
Sussex (7)	2	0	2	0	2	8	10
Durham (18)	2	0	1	1	4	5	9
Glouces (10)	2	0	2	0	2	7	9
Kent (2)	2	0	1	1	2	7	9
Hants (15)	2	0	1	1	2	2	4



Watkin: five wickets

J E Morris c Metson b Watkin	2
C J Adams c Richards b Bastien	6
T J G O'Gorman c Metson b Watkin	0
F A Griffith c and b Lefebvre	10
†K M Krikken c Dale b Lefebvre	5
D G Cork c Lefebvre b Watkin	17
A E Warner c and b Croft	24
S J Base c James b Watkin	22
D E Malcolm c Watkin b Bastien	9
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-22, 3-35, 4-38, 5-88, 6-86, 7-114, 8-184, 9-205

BOWLING: Watkin 20-2-71-5; Lefebvre 19-4-47-2; Dale 4-1-17-0; Bastien 13-4-40-2; Cottey 17-7-33-1.

Umpires: D J Constant and N T Plews.

Kent v Warwickshire

CANTERBURY *(final day of four): Warwickshire (22pts) beat Kent (3) by 110 runs*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 305 (A J Moles 65, T L Penney 57)

Second Innings 213 (D A Reeve 72, A J Moles 50)

KENT: First Innings 177 (C L Hooper 75; T A Munton 7-41)

Second Innings

T R Ward b Smith	34
*M R Benson c Reeve b Smith	107
N R Taylor lbw b Smith	30
C L Hooper st Burns b Smith	2
G R Cowdrey c Ostler b Giles	1
M V Fleming b Munton	18
S A Marsh c Reeve b Small	14
†D W Headley b Smith	5
R P Davis lbw b Reeve	1
M J McCague not out	7
A P Igglesden c Ostler b Smith	0
Extras (b 4, lb 6, nb 2)	12
Total	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-123, 3-125, 4-130, 5-160, 6-190, 7-219, 8-222, 9-222

BOWLING: Small 11-4-24-1, Munton 19-8-28-1; Smith 46 1-11-122-6; Reeve 13-5-16-1; Giles 14-2-31-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and G Sharp.

No play yesterday

STOCKTON-ON-TEES *(final day of four): Hampshire: First Innings: 289 for 3 (V P Terry 111; Bowling: Cummins 15-2-48-0; Hughes 28-10-64-0; Botham 20-4-61-0; Bainbridge 20-4-66-1; Gravenay 16-5-24-1; Berry 14-5-18-1) v Durham. Durham (1pt) drew with Hampshire (2).*

Other matches

Cambridge University v Leicestershire

FENNER'S *(final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Leicestershire*

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 179 (M E D Jarrett 51; J Dakin 4-45)

Second Innings:

*J P Crawley b Parsons	86
G W Jones lbw b Mullally	7
M E D Jarrett c Benson b Parsons	9
R Cake b Robinson	83
G M Charlesworth lbw b Hepworth	27
J Loppard lbw b Wells	6
†J P Arscott not out	22
Extras (lb 8, w 4, nb 4)	16
Total (8 wkts dec)	256

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-55, 2-91, 3-116, 4-176, 5-186, 6-256

BOWLING: Mullally 16-7-42-1; Dakin 12-1-39-0; Potter 18-8-34-0, Parsons 10-2-36-2; Pierson 15-5-46-0; Hepworth 9-1-26-1; Wells 7-2-12-1; Robinson 1-0-13-1

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 282 (L Potter 103 not out, G J Parsons 59)

Umpires: A Clarkson and D O Oslear.

Oxford University v Northamptonshire

THE PARKS *(second day of three). Oxford University, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 165 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings: 334 for 5 dec (R J Bailey 91, D Ripley 62, M B Loye 57)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R R Montgomerie c Loye b Taylor	9
*J E R Gallian lbw b Roberts	11
C M Gupte c Ripley b Taylor	1
C L Key not out	107
G I Macmillan c Cook b Roberts	16
H Malik b Penberthy	13
†C W J Lyons b Walker	4
R Yeabsley not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 3)	8
Total (8 wkts)	169

M Jeh, P Tremby and R H MacDonald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-14, 3-22, 4-64, 5-118, 6-156

Umpires: R A White and A G T Whitehead

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Leicester Leicestershire 187 for 6 (N E Briers 55 not out); Derbyshire 188 for 5. Derbyshire beat Leicestershire by five wickets.

Bristol: Somerset 135 for 9 (A N Smith 6-25). Gloucestershire 86 for 2. Gloucestershire beat Somerset with a faster scoring rate.

Hove: Sussex 184, Kent 83 for 8. Match abandoned, Sussex beat Kent with a faster run rate.

Lansbury: MCC Young Cricketers 205 for 7 (K D Sedgbeer 78). Middlesex 96 for 1. MCC Young Cricketers beat Middlesex with a faster scoring rate.

Barnett's patient century to no avail

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

KIM Barnett carried his bat for 108 and Mark Benson resisted for 325 minutes while scoring 107 but the captains of Derbyshire and Kent could not prevent their sides going down to heavy defeats yesterday.

Glamorgan, who have hit a confident early-season stride, won by 191 runs at Derby, where Steve Watkin, who took five for 71, knocked the heart out of the Derbyshire innings by dismissing Bowler, Morris and O'Gorman in 16 balls, which reduced them to 38 for four in pursuit of 406. Barnett, batting throughout the innings for the second time, had been in for 227 minutes and hit 14 fours when he lost his last partner.

Benson was eighth out as Kent were dismissed for 231 at Canterbury and beaten by 110 runs by Warwickshire, who were bowled to victory by the off spinner, Neil Smith, who was rewarded by receiving his county cap after a career-best return of six for 122. Smith, who has taken 16 wickets in three matches, welcomes the increased opportunities granted him by four-day cricket.

Richie Richardson made only a single on his championship debut for Yorkshire against Worcestershire in the rain-ruined match at Bradford but Chris Keey, of Oxford University, scored his maiden century against Northamptonshire in the Parks. John Crawley and freshman Russell Cake both passed 80 as Cambridge University drew with Leicestershire at Fenner's.



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6.00 Business Breakfast (20925)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (55655924)
9.05 Love, Lust and Loneliness. Members of the public try acting as agony aunts. Shyama Perera presents the programme *(s)* (4500321) **9.35 King of the Road.** Ross King and Anna Walker arrive in Windsor, Berkshire (2222654)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5391708)
10.05 Playdays (s) (4166708)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Cosy family magazine (s) (62235321)
12.05pm Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh with guest celebrities John Simpson, Michael Bentine and Howard Jones (s) (2058296)
12.45 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Reprise of the morning's events (s)(21752692)
12.55 Regional news and weather (18041505)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (28234)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (70357944)
1.50 Eldorado (r) (Ceefax) (s) (25744944)
2.20 Racing from Goodwood *introduced by Julian Wilson and Tracy Piggott* (s) (9498586)
3.50 The Brollys. Jolly animation (r) (5084128) **4.05 Bodger and Badger.** School comedy (r) (s) (4374942) **4.20 Watt on Earth.** Science-fiction comedy adventure about Sean and his shape-shifting extraterrestrial friend, Watt (r) (s) (9524645) **4.35 Prince Valiant.** Cartoon adventure (Ceefax) (s) (2112302)
5.00 Newsround (5580128)

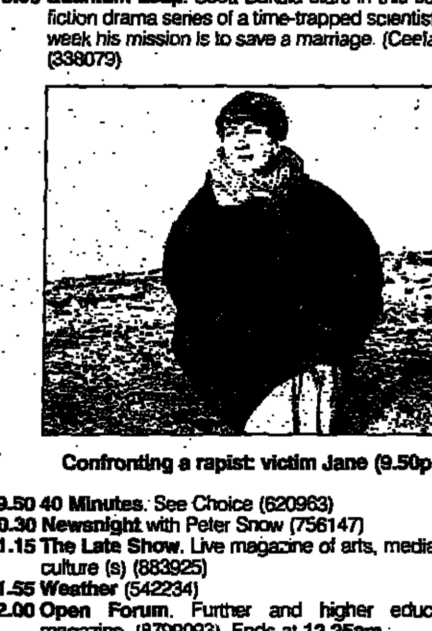


Presenting children's fun and games (5.10pm)

5.10 Activ-8. First programme in a new series covering a *selection of exciting and unusual activities* (Ceefax) (s) (9062654)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (603091). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (963)
6.30 Regional news magazines (215). Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Wildlife 100: The Impossible Bird. David Attenborough introduces another of his selections from *Wildlife on One, a fascinating study of the bird* that runs at 40mph and lays eggs 20 times bigger than those of a hen: the ostrich (r) (Ceefax) (5234)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (499)
8.00 Russ Abbot. Comic impressions (r) (Ceefax) (1654)
8.30 On the Up. Mildly amusing Bob Larbey series starring Dennis Waterman (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4019)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News *(Ceefax). Regional news and* weather (8925)
9.30 999 Reconstructions of real-life heroic rescues, introduced by Michael Buerk (Ceefax) (s) (723499)
10.20 Film: An Officer and a Gentleman (1982). This tale of a cadet officer's struggle to qualify as a US navy pilot was hugely successful despite its cliched *plot. Richard Gere and Debra Winger were very* watchable as the romantic leads and Louis Gossett Jr won a best supporting actor Oscar as a forbidding drill sergeant (Ceefax) (208321). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers; Northern Ireland and Wales. 10.50-12.50am Film: An Officer and a Gentleman
12.20am Weather *(3964074) Ends at* **12.25**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (457249) **3.15-3.45 BBC Select: Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (49242)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: The Periodic Table (9644383) **7.10** *Biology: Regulation and Control* (5132234) **7.35** Geology: Inside Volcanoes (9650383)
8.00 Breakfast News (6940741)
8.15 Westminster (2755944)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Includes children's TV. **10.00** *Over the Moon (5656875)* **1.20** *Just-So Stones (77194963)* **1.30** The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (85342857) **1.35** King Greenfingers (s) (85341128)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** *(12156925)*
2.15 A Week to Remember (b/w). Pathé news footage from 40 years ago (r) (40701079)
2.25 The History Man. Today, Warkworth Castle, Northumberland (r) (15817147)
2.30 See Hear! *Magazine series for the hearing impaired* (r) (s) (876)
3.00 News. (Ceefax) and weather (3765012) followed by **Westminster Live** introduced by Iain MacWhirter and John Cole (5689924)
3.50 News, weather, *regional bulletins* (4943673)
4.00 Racing from Goodwood (s) (4877321)
4.25 Famous Faces, Favourite Places. Fred Trueman, the former Yorkshire and England cricketer, revisits his favourite Northern haunts (r) (1428857)
4.30 A Wild Workshop: Yorkshire and the Brontës. How did the Brontës, who lived in such a remote, *insular village, become such fine writers? A visit to* their book settings aims to find out (89876)
5.30 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Including reviews of *Passenger 57*, starring Wesley Snipes, and *Jack the Bear*, with Danny De Vito (s) (692)
6.00 Film: Young Maverick (1981) Charles Frank stars as Ben Maverick in this western. Ben acquires a jinx *from an old poker player. Directed by Hy Averback* (Ceefax) (80895)
7.30 Crime and Punishment: Hypotheticals. How far should police and lawyers go to win a case? The series aims to uncover the truth by asking *professionals what they would do in a hypothetical* scenario. (Ceefax) (s) (46944)
8.30 Delia Smith's Summer Collection: All the World Loves an Ice-cream. Delia extols the virtues of home-made icecream. (Ceefax) (s) (1031)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Scott Bakula stars in this science fiction drama series of a time-trapped scientist. This *week his mission is to save a marriage.* (Ceefax) (s) (338079)



Confronting a rapist: victim Jane (9.50pm)

9.50 40 Minutes. See Choice (620963)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (756147)
11.15 The Late Show. Live magazine of arts, media and culture (s) (883925)
11.55 Weather (542234)
12.00 Open Forum. Further and higher education *magazine. (8799093). Ends at* **12.25am**

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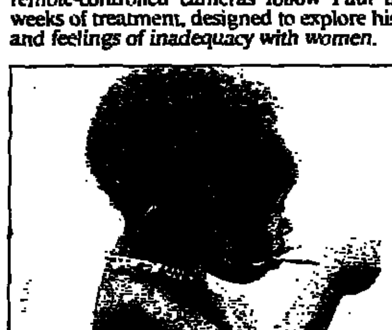
CHOICE

Without Walls: Good Morning Mr Hitler
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In July 1939, six weeks before the outbreak of the second world war, *Hitler and his henchmen spent a* weekend in Munich celebrating German art, or at least the Nazi-approved version. Their visit was recorded by an amateur film-maker, Hans Feierabend. His footage stayed in the family and has *only recently been made public. It has a double* fascination, first as a rare chance to see the Nazi hierarchy in colour, and rich colour at that, and second as an informal glimpse which often catches the leading characters off guard. Old Munich residents are shown *the film and offer their memories of the event, the* climax of which was a huge parade through the streets which took 1.7 million man hours to organise.

40 Minutes: Rape
BBC2, 9.50pm

A remarkable film brings together Paul, a convicted rapist, and Jane, a rape victim. Paul was not Jane's attacker but it is still a highly charged encounter, which must have taken courage on both sides. Jane's rape took place nine years ago. Only now, after a long and anguished process of recovery, has she felt able to talk openly about *it. Paul was given two life sentences* for a double rape in 1987. He was 22, had a long *history of indecent exposure and assault and admits he* would have raped earlier if the opportunity had presented itself. He volunteered for psychotherapy and remote-controlled cameras follow Paul through ten weeks of treatment, designed to explore his obsessions and *feelings of inadequacy with women.*



In transit: the Uduk people of Sudan (ITV, 10.40pm)

Disappearing World: Orphans of Passage
ITV, 10.40pm

The second in the anthropological series features the Uduk people of Sudan. In 1987 they became caught *up in Africa's longest-running civil war and were* forced to flee to Ethiopia. In the years since they have crossed and re-crossed the boundary four more times. The film picks up on 13,000 of the survivors at Karmi, a transit camp in Ethiopia. Told in their own words, the Uduk story is predictably distressing. They have lost their homes, been forced out of their country and *brought near to starvation. Husbands have been* separated from wives and parents grieve over dead children. The testimonies of these bewildered people are vivid and moving, but the film could have done with more background explanation and better maps.

Maiden Voyages
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Tonight's woman traveller is the writer Bettina Selby and her journey takes her 500 miles across northern Spain to the shrine of Santiago de Compostela. *Pilgrims have been taking the route for centuries,* which gives the venture a sense of history, though this is difficult to convey on film. Selby travels alone, by bicycle, with four panniers carrying all her needs. She sleeps mostly under canvas. For a woman well into her fifties it is an achievement, but she takes it in her fiercely independent stride. The programme is *disappointingly silent about the shrine itself and nor,* apart from a couple of Brits Selby encounters on the road, do we get a feel of the thousands of other pilgrims who make the same trip. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (6992708)
9.25 Cross Wits Word game (1524925)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (4142128)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (947499)
10.35 This Morning Weekly magazine (63229760)
12.10 Wizadora Puppet adventures (4022645)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News *(Teletext)* and weather (8118321)
1.05 Home and Away. Australian family drama series (Teletext) (419128)
1.45 A Country Practice. Medical series (Teletext) (s) *(418499)*
2.15 Heirloom. Paintings from attics and lumber rooms all over the country are assessed by antiques expert John Bly and art expert David Mason (433708)
2.45 Families. Soap set in the north of England and Australia (s) *(5977499)*
3.10 ITN News headlines (3783418) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3782789)
3.20 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers (s) (8891925)
3.50 The Gingerbread Men. Animation (Teletext) (r) (s) (4947499)
4.00 The Raggy Dolls (r) (s) (1124429)
4.15 The Dreamstone (r) (s) (6399960)
4.40 Finders Keepers (1439963)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (4902234)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather *(664147)*
6.00 London Tonight. News magazine (81302)

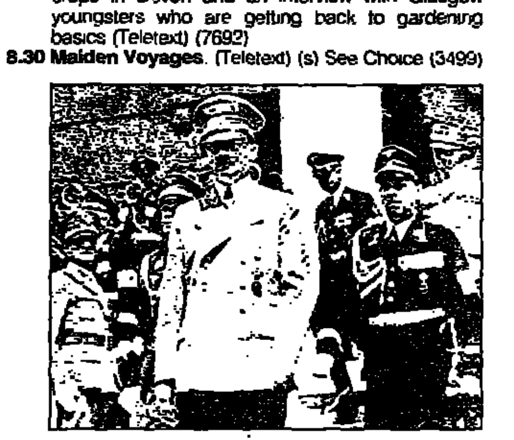


Reunion? Norman Bowler, Claire King (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Kim gives Frank some good news. (Teletext) (9942)
7.30 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Braimoh takes a look at London's Asian community, attending a bhangra *dance class, sitting in on an astrological reading* for a baby and gatecrashing a wedding where the entertainers play Indian film music (s) (895)
8.00 The Bill (Teletext) (9050)
8.30 Coltrane in a Cadillac. Robbie Coltrane continues his Los Angeles to New York drive (Teletext) (5857)
9.00 Taggart: Death without Dishonour. Second episode of this three-part strand in the detective drama starring Mark McManus as the dour Glasgow policeman (Teletext) (4215)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (63418)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (356079)
10.40 Disappearing World: War *(Teletext)* See Choice (845470)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. *Australian drama serial* (895895)
12.30am Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93. News from the Indy motor racing series (52600)
1.00 The Little Picture Show. Video reviews of *Chaplin* and *Raising Cain*. Followed by **ITN News** headlines (74074)
2.00 Film: Days of Wine and Roses (1962, *b/w*) starring Jack Lemmon, Lee Remick and Charles Bickford. A forthright study of alcoholism that was very frank for its time. Lemmon plays a public relations man who drinks too much and whose wife also succumbs to the drug. The title song, sung by Andy Williams, earned an Oscar. Directed by Blake Edwards *(63987)*
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (86180)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (56529)
5.30 ITN Morning News (61890). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15am I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American comedy series starring Lucille Ball *(84578)*
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cat and dog cartoon (8266012)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. With actress Demi Moore as the star guest (18857)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (73895)
9.30 Schools (145499)
12.00 The Parliament Programme (53031)
12.30pm Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series (r) *(16789)*
1.30 Take 5. Animation favourites (70296)
2.00 Film: Springtime in the Rockies (1942) starring Betty Grable and John Payne. A musical comedy of jealousy and love affairs with a Mack Gordon/Harry Warren score that includes *I had the Craziest Dream*. Directed by Irving Cummings (192079)
3.35 Fiddlers Three (b/w). Pantomime in the land of Old King Cole with the Three Stooges (8454334)
3.55 Mystery of the Flying Worms. A *Survival* programme on army worms, caterpillars that pose a grave threat to farmers (2132050)
4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz (Teletext) (s) (708)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah talks to her psychologist, Dr Harville Hendrix, about her unhappy childhood and how it affected her *relationship with the man she plans to marry,* Stedman Graham (Teletext) (s) (7790760)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Children's entertainment (172857)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. Comedy show starring Robin Williams (r) (673)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana. Offbeat American children's *comedy set in an unusual midwestern town* (s) (925)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (696316)
7.50 Comment (611876)
8.00 Our Backyard: Local Resources. Topics tonight *include a report on the reintroduction of rare apple* crops in Devon and an interview with Glasgow youngsters who are getting back to gardening basics (Teletext) (7692)
8.30 Maiden Voyages. (Teletext) (s) See Choice (3499)



Home movie: Hitler and henchmen (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: Good Morning Mr Hitler (Teletext) (s) See Choice (2857)
10.00 Film: The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951, b/w) *starring Michael Rennie and Patricia Neal.* This classic film, which turned the standard science fiction plot on its head, carries an anti-nuclear message that is still relevant today. Bernard Herrmann's distinctive score gives added nuance to Edmund H. North's literate script and a strong cast backs Rennie as the well-intentioned alien and Neal *as the proprietor of the boarding house where he* seeks shelter. Directed by Robert Wise (Teletext) (101079)
11.40 Dream On. An adult comedy about the ups and downs in the love life of a New York publisher (r) (Teletext) (s) (765215)
12.15am Pictures at an Exhibition Features Arthur Pendleton, *Momix dancers and the Montreal* Symphony Orchestra (s) (1657155)
1.00 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). With guest Eartha Kitt (66628) Ends at **1.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8891925) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4902234) **6.00** Home and Away (444586) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (319437) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (895) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (458180) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (8740659) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7803722) **4.15** Nite Bites (75013074) **4.30** Riviera (13256258) **4.55-5.10** Jobfinder (2071426)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (8891925) **6.00** Lookaround (401) **6.30-7.00** *Blockbusters (383)* **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (895) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (458180) **2.20** The Little Picture Show *(8740659)* **3.20** *ITV Chart Show* (7803722) **4.15** Nite Bites (75013074) **4.30** Riviera (13256258) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2071426)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (419128) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (418499) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8891925) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4902234) **6.00** Home and Away (444586) **6.25-7.00** *Central News* (319437) **7.30-8.00** Home Run (895) **11.40** Kojak (244012) **12.35** Film: A Lady Mislaid (Alan White, Phyllis Calvert) (1408797) **1.45** The Big E (8947838) **2.40** Sport AM (9481513) **3.40** Alfred Hitchcock presents (37575432) **4.10** Jobfinder (9434123) **6.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6534345)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (419128) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (418499) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (5977499) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8891925) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (4902234) **6.00** Home and Away (401) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (383) **7.30-8.00** the Big Green Boat show (895) **12.35** Mistral's *Daughter (458180)* **2.20** *The Little Picture* Show (8740659) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7803722) **4.15** Nite Bites (75013074) **4.30** *Riviera (13256258)* **4.55-5.30** *Jobfinder* (2071426)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (418499) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (8891925) **6.00** HTV News (401) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (383) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (895) **11.40** Brand New Life (244012) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (458180) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (8740659) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7803722) **4.15** Nite Bites (75013074) **4.30** Riviera (13256258) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2071426)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** Three's Company **7.30-8.00** Challenge of the Seas

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8891925) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (401) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (383) **7.30-8.00** Loud and Clear (895) **11.40-12.30** Magnum (895895)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8891925) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (610681) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (383) **7.30-8.00** Billy (835) **11.40** Tour of Duty (244012) **12.35-1.00** Comedy Tonight (6215600) **2.00** Sledge Hammer (29068) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9575906) **3.25** Countdown (5061708) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7812567)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (418499) **3.20-3.50** Movies, Movies, Movies (8891925) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (81302) **7.30-8.00** *McGalloway's Way (895)* **11.40** Crime Story (244012) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (458180) **2.20** The Little Picture show (8740659) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7803722) **4.15** Nite Bites (75013074) **4.30** Riviera (13256258) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2071426)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 The Young Doctors (418499) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8891925) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (61302) **7.30-8.00** Brief Encounters (835) **12.30** My Story (3573074) **12.35** Mistral's Daughter (458180) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (8740659) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (7803722) **4.15** Nite Bites (75013074) **4.30** Riviera (92819) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (56529)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8891925) **5.55** Calendar (610681) **6.25** Crimestoppers Update **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (383) **7.30-8.00** Billy (Billy Connolly) (895) **11.40** Tour of Duty (244012) **12.35-1.00** Comedy Tonight (621560) **2.00** Sledgehammer (29068) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9575906) **3.25** Countdown (5061708) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7812567)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (18857) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (73895) **9.30** Ysgolion *(145499)* **12.00** *The Parliament Programme* (53031) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (71925) **1.00** Sesame Street (40168) **2.00** The Late Late *Show (93050)* **3.00** *The Oprah Winfrey Show* (5461875) **3.55** Happy Days (1911352) **4.25** Slot 23 (7718383) **5.00** Fifteen to One (8708) **5.30** Moviewatch (760) **6.00** Newyddion (897654) **6.10** Heno (408760) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3944) **7.30** Mwy O Swigs (437) **8.00** Steleto (7692) **8.30** Newyddion (567505) **8.55** Rasus (696944) **9.45** He Play/She Play (416079) **10.00** The Golden Palace (54760) **10.30** Beiderbecke Tapes (6900963) **11.55** Viva Cabaret (144673) **12.40** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46158079) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4135686) **9.10** Cartoons (6182031) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (17741) **10.00** Card Sharks (6751321) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4669370) **10.30** Concentration (88741) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (26925) **11.30** Falcon Crest (13079) **12.30pm** E Street (28857) **1.00** Another World (6263437) **1.45** Santa Barbara (481091) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (734234) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (936906) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (1059616) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6505) **6.00** Games World (8401) **6.30** E Street (1383) **7.00** Rescue (7234) **7.30** Family Ties (8645) **8.00** Murphy Brown (3654) **8.30** Debate on TV Violence. *Screen Violence* (35126) **10.00** Star Trek, The Next Generation (58012) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (45925) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (60906) **6.30** News and Business Report (734692) **9.30** Nightline (15383) **10.00** Dayline (47895) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (77499) **11.30** Business Report (50091) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (71215) **1.30** Good Morning America (72944) **2.30** Parliament Live (4948383) **3.15** Parliament Live (9568079) **4.30** News and Business Report **5.00** Live at Five (97383) **6.30** News and Business Report (16505) **7.30** Target (8437) **10.30** Nightline (62334) **11.30** ABC *News* (95963) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (34426) **1.30** ABC News (95093) **1.30** ABC News (25857) **2.30** Target (66567) **2.30** *Target* (22567) **3.30** ABC *News* (57819) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (66154)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5534505)
10.00 Pancho Barnes (1988) Valerie Bertinelli stars as the female stunt aviator (56114876)
12.35pm Mustang Country (1976). Joel McCrea plays a mountain trapper (4543760)
2.00 Echoes of a Summer (1976) Jodie *Foster spends her last days in Nova Scotia* (840079)
3.50 Oh God! Book II (1980). George Burns *stars as the Supreme Being* (879876)
5.25 Pancho Barnes (as 10am) (60759215)
8.00 Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man *(1991)* Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson plot a bank heist (64673)
10.00 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991)· Dolph Lundgren and Brandon Lee battle against the Yakuza (9210012)
11.20 Schizoid (1980)· Reporter Marianna *Hill investigates the deaths of Klaus Kinski's* psychiatric patients (515215)
12.50am The Sitter *(1991) A babysitter is* psychologically unbalanced (9236364)
2.20 Heathers (1989) Winona Ryder and *Christian Slater plot murder (132613)*
4.00 Betrayal of Silence (1989). A girl is murdered in a home for teenagers (58695) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Young Frankenstein (1974). Mel Brooks's spoof of horror films (43128)
8.00 THX 1138 (1970) Robert Duvall rebels against a uniform future (50935215)
9.45 The Blues Brothers (1980)· Musical *comedy starring John Belushi and Dan* Aykroyd (924401) Ends at **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Brides of Dracula (1960)· David Peel as the arch bloodsucker (67168)
8.00 Hansel and Gretel. Puppet animation of the Grimm fairy-tale (39876)
10.00 Tokyo After Dark (1959) An American military police officer accidentally kills a Japanese teenager (20215)
12.00 Hostile Witness (1968) Judge Ray Milland is accused of murdering his daughter. With Sylvia Sims (961876)
1.50pm Avalon (1990) Armin Mueller-Stahl plays the head of an extended American-Jewish family (94273321)
4.00 Hansel and Gretel (as 8am) (9079)
5.00 Ghost Dad (1990)· Bill Cosby returns from the dead (50470)
8.00 Memories of Midnight (1991) Amnesiac Jane Seymour is taken under the protective wing of Omar Sharif (62215)
10.00 The Doors (1991) *Val Kilmer stars as* rock singer Jim Morrison (88089321)
12.20am Fatal Exposure (1991) Mare *Winningham and her son are targeted by an* assassin (920242)
2.00 Julia and Julia (1987) Kathleen Turner *lives a double life in Trieste (29567)*
4.00-5.35 Ssssss (1973) Strother Martin turns Dirk Benedict into a snake (592155)

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (61499) **7.00** US PGA Golf (94215) **9.00** Stretch (16963) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (32499) **10.00** Boots 'n' All (71550) **11.00** World Team Cup Tennis (4125234) **5.00** Drag Racing (9470) **5.30** WWF Challenge (82050) **6.30** Indy 500 Practice (6499) **7.00** Watersports (91741) **8.00** Red Line (17789) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (97925) **10.00** German Football (61706) **11.30** Indy 500 Practice (74963) **12.00** World Team Cup Tennis (69155) **1.30-2.00am** Motor World (39451)

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7.30am Step Aerobics (71514) **8.00** European Golf (47729) **9.00** Table Tennis (45762) **10.00** *Figure Skating* (30037) **12.00** Eurogoals (40418) **1.00pm** WTA Tennis (51012) **3.00** Artistic Gymnastics (96706) **4.00** *Rhythmic Gymnastics* (75215) **5.00** Eurogoals (3673) **6.00** Eurofun Magazine (2465) **6.30** Eurosport News (4895) **7.00** Eurotennis (21073) **9.00** Boxing (15321) **10.00** Snooker (95079) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (44161)

UK GOLD
6.00am Jamie and the Magic Torch (5345031) **6.30** Jem (1412079) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (5229875) **7.30** Neighbours (6774960) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8969857) **8.30** EastEnders (8968128) **9.00** The Bill (8982708) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (8387741) **10.30** Casualty (2690578) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6267147) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8962944) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2850673) **1.00** EastEnders (6679316) **1.30** The Bill (2859944) **2.00** Going Straight (4061857) **2.30** Bread (4450166) **3.00** Dallas (6261963) **4.00** Dynasty (6240470) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4065437) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4431654) **6.00** Neighbours (4451895) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (8632760) **7.30** Going Straight (4431031) **8.00** EastEnders (4074321) **8.30** Bread (8361521) **9.30** Casualty (2870437) **10.00** The Bill (8963573) **10.30** Life Without George (8972321) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (6258499) **11.30** Dr Who, Ambassadors of Death (1492215) **12.00-1.50am** Film: Girl Crazy (1943, b/w) starring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland (1628722)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (77895) **7.00** RatKan II (26673) **9.00** Jack in the Box (16708) **11.00** Stories Without Words (22147) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (23876) **12.00** Secret Valley (80050) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (66470) **2.00** Stories Without Words (8760) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7760) **3.00** Bobobobs (4887857) **3.25** RatKan II (98337325) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (9012) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (8876) **6.00-7.00** Fame (86234)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Literature in the Modern World — Lorca's *Yerma*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor including Telemann (Concerto in F for three violins, Tafelmusik, Musica Antiqua Köln); Janáček *(Moravian Dances: Slovak PO)*, Tchaikovsky (Marche slave: Russian National Orchestra); Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K270 Amadeus Winds)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Liszt (La Campanella, Grandes Études de Paganini, Années de Pèlerinage Bk II, Italie)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: Kim Howells, MP, *recalls the record* which, for him, epitomises the student sit-in at Hornsey College of Art in May 1968
10.10 Morning Sequence: Thomas (Overture, Raymond: BBC Philharmonic under Emmanuel Plasson); Ravel (Prelude in A *minor; Gaspard de la nuit*: Joaquin Achucarro, piano); Hahn (Venezia: Chansons en dialecte vénitien: *The Songmakers' Almanac*); Widor (Organ Symphony No 5 in C minor, first movement: Colin Walsh), Rossini (I Marinai: The Songmakers' Almanac), Lalo (Symphonie espagnole: Olivier Charlier, violin, BBC *Philharmonic under* Emmanuel Plasson)
12.00 Utrecht '92 (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Philharmonic under Otmar Maga performs Honegger (Pacific 231); Milhaud (La création du monde); Mozart (Violin Concerto No 4 in D, K218); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E *minor, From the New World*)
2.50 BBC Festival of Brass. Williams Fairey Engineering Band under *Peter Parkes* performs Gilbert Vinter (Spectrum), Philip Sparke (Land of the Long White Cloud), Thomas Wilson *(Sinfonietta)*, Gilbert Vinter (Salute to Youth)
3.50 Italian Baroque Song: John Whenham presents a programme of solo songs by *Alessandro Grandi* performed by Martyn Hill, tenor and Andrew Lawrence-King, harp
4.30 Groovin' High *See Choice*
5.00 In Tune, with Charles Hazlewood
7.30 South German RSO: Erich *Leinsdorf conducts Mozart* (Symphony No 36 in C, K425, Linz); Bruckner (Symphony No 4 in E flat, Romantic)
9.05 1968 Season: Botticelli: Terrence McNally's black comedy stars David Holt as Wayne and David Thorpe as *Stu. Two American marines in* Vietnam play the guessing game *Botticelli*
9.25 Trio of London — *Elizabeth* Perry, violin, Melissa Phelps, cello, Julian Jacobson, piano — performs Malcolm Lipkin (Piano Trio); Hugh Wood (Piano Trio, Op 24), Malcolm Lipkin (Piano Sonata No 5)
10.25 Nielsen: Flute Concerto *(Andras Adorjan, Lausanne* CO under Hogwood)
10.45 Night Waves Humphrey Carpenter *talks to Kanan* Makiya about his book *Cruelty and Silence*: and there is a *review of King Lear at Stratford*
11.30 New Worlds Copland (Music for the Movies, Suite, The Red Pony), John Harbison (Remembering Gatsby)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in *Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am*)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra Spanish 16-18. Ademas/Voces

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** *Thought for the* Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Kershaw in Cuba (FM only). Andy Kershaw meets *Cubans in Miami, Florida*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only). An Anthology of Spiritual Verse. A selection of poetry on the theme of animals. Read by Amanda Waring, Jennifer Ehle, William Roberts and Freddie Jones
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jean *Snedegar investigates the bra.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind: Professor *Anthony Clare reports on the* psychological effects of Aids on the immediate family
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote Nigel Rees hosts the quotation quiz. With Peter Jones, Siân Phillips, John Walsh and Max Stafford-Clark **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: A Romance, by Craig Warner. *Graham (Michael* Maloney) is determined not to compromise his art for money *until he takes a job writing* romantic pulp novels. With Kristin Milward as Jane and Oona Beeson as the actress
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with Michael Ryder and Richard Cole of the Musical Museum in Brentford
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives *(FM* only): Joanna Buchan on crime and punishment
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan reviews Ronald Harwood's play, *Poison Pen*, and Caryl Phillips's book, *Crossing the River*
4.45 Short Story The Gargle, by Brian McCabe. Read by Barbara Rafferty
5.00 PM *5.50 Shipping Forecast* **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House The fifth of a six-part political drama by Christopher Lee (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4 Caroline Beck reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The New Recruit Wilson *James became a painter and* decorator in 1946. Paul Forrester has just started his *own business. The pair* discuss their livelihood
8.45 In Touch: News, views and *information for people with a* visual handicap. With Tony Barringer
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with *Alexander MacLeod*
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Heather Blazing by Colm Tóibín. *Donal McCann reads* the second of ten episodes
11.00 Stanza: Andrew McAllister talks to three poetry magazine editors, Joy Hendry, Peter Forbes *and John Osborne*
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Groovin' High: The Dizzy Gillespie Story. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*
Part one of Alyn Shipton's life of the great jazz trumpeter begins with his apprenticeship with the Teddy Hill Band and ends on a bloody note — a public scrap between *Gillespie* and band leader Cab Calloway. Tonight's instalment includes the sculpting of the bepop foundation *stone* which Gillespie helped to lay. However, the fact that Calloway derided bepop, calling it "Chinese music", was not the *reason why he* and Gillespie came to be locked in what was potentially lethal combat.

Je Chante: Charles Trenet at 80. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Trenet, composer and singer of more than 1,000 songs, is universally known for one, "La Mer". He is 80 today, so Daniel Pageon's tribute to his fellow Frenchman has a lot of ground to cover. He covers it with the *same élan he* brought to bear on his Radio 2 life of Maurice Chevalier. There is much romantic poetry in Trenet's lyrics. "La Mer" shows this most affectingly. So does "Douce France" and, even more so, does "L'Ame des Poètes". His sense of fun *bubbles* away throughout songs such as "Boum!". **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** *Bruno Brookes* (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier **8.30** *Loose Talk* **9.00** *The David Bowie Story* **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** *Wake Up to Wogan* **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Mr Finchley Takes the Road (final part) **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Je Chante: Charles Trenet at 80. See Choice **10.00** Tuning In **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Coia **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.30** Schools, Inlam Science — See for Yourself **9.15** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Hatches, Matches and Dispatches: Customs and superstitions surrounding death **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Mall **7.15** A Fishbone of Fairytales, The Charmed Life by E. Nesbit **7.30** Talking Poetry **8.00** Cult Radio **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Rock Salad **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Whatever Happened To .. **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Around the World in 80 Minutes **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale **3.45** World Bandstand **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** *News* **5.10** *News About Britain* **5.15** *BBC English* **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** *Meridian* **10.00** News **11.10** *News About Britain* **11.15** *Megamix* **11.45** *Sports Roundup* **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** News **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Sound Business **2.45** Country Style **3.00** News **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** *Sports Roundup*

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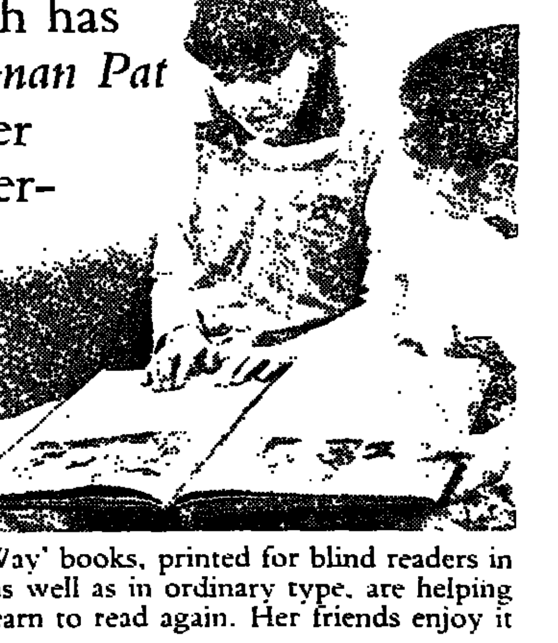
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Weber (Clarinet Concerto No 1) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Copland (El Salon Mexico); Gershwin (Piano Concerto) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00am** André Leon

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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** *Jonathan Coleman* **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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Financial cup runneth over for Wembley finalists

By Peter Ball

AFTER Saturday's dire encounter, the need for an FA Cup final replay may not have inspired much pleasure among spectators, but the effect on the coffers at Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday of four matches at Wembley this season will be enormous. By Thursday's final replay at Wembley, both clubs will have made around £2.5 million from their visits.

At the moment, the figures are difficult to quantify precisely, particularly with a sell-out on Thursday not guaranteed. Even the Coca-Cola Cup final accounts are not yet complete and the clubs cannot expect to see the receipts from the FA Cup for some time.

The FA Cup final is the most directly rewarding, with gate receipts yielding something under £1 million for each club. With ticket prices down slightly, the FA expect the replay to produce up to £750,000.

By contrast, the semi-finals produced up to £250,000 for each club. Added to that is a television fee of £96,000 for each club in the semi-finals, a payment that does not apply in the Cup Final.

The Coca-Cola Cup final is expected to be the least rewarding directly of the three finals. Last season, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest each received £469,038.42 as their share of the gate, and Wednesday and Arsenal can expect similar figures this time.



There are extras with the Coca-Cola Cup final. As winners, Arsenal received prize-money of £100,000; as runners-up, Sheffield Wednesday got £50,000. Again, there are no television appearance fees for the final but, with both of their semi-finals being shown live, Wednesday received £200,000 from ITV.

Then there are the incidentals that success brings. With four trips to Wembley, the club shops increased their business dramatically, sending the income from the sale of club merchandise leaping into six figures. Both cups provide entry to European competitions for the winners, which can be lucrative, and success again helps with their efforts in selling themselves to potential sponsors.

The success, however, has its costs, notably bonuses, with the winners likely to collect bonuses totalling around £200,000 for winning on Thursday.

However, if players at least get some compensation for the amount of football they are being forced to play, there



is only expense for the supporters. Thursday's replay may prove a match too far for some while others are trading down.

"For the first time, people are going for the cheaper seats," Graham Mackrell, the Wednesday secretary, said yesterday. "For the first match, the £50 seats were the first to go but, this time, people are wanting the cheaper ones."

For a family of four doing things in reasonable comfort, the four trips to Wembley will have virtually demanded a second mortgage. Tickets in the middle range alone will have averaged out at more than £100 for each match for the family.

With petrol at £40 for each return trip, parking £5, food and drink at least £50 for the day, and the match programme £5, the four visits will have cost the hypothetical Sheffield family at least £800, with the Wednesday Supporters' Association suggesting that £300 a head is more realistic.

It is possible to do it more cheaply. With the cheapest seats for each game, and travelling on the supporters coaches costing between £8 and £10 a trip, with home-made sandwiches or pork pies and the occasional beer for sustenance, some supporters will have watched Wednesday's four visits to Wembley for a total outlay of around £160.

All of which will have helped the club find the £8,000 to hire a private jet to bring Roland Nilsson back from playing in a World Cup match in Sweden on Wednesday in time for the replay. Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, will assess Nilsson's fitness and said yesterday: "It is a lot to ask of any player but, if anyone can do it, Roland can. He is a superb professional and very fit."

Australia at full strength as Hughes reports fit

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

AUSTRALIA'S worries over the fitness of Merv Hughes were eased yesterday and they will choose from a full squad for the first of three Texaco Trophy one-day internationals at Old Trafford tomorrow. England may not be so fortunate.

While Hughes, the fast bowler, was being cleared by a specialist in Cambridge, following a recurrence of an injury to his left knee, Neil Fairbrother, the England batsman, was having treatment on his strained hamstring from the Lancashire physiotherapist, Laurie Brown.

The prognosis, on a condition which first bothered Fairbrother last season, is discouraging. The left-hander, a pivotal player in England's one-day team, is likely to miss at least the opening game, which will take place on his home ground.

This would leave England with the difficult choice between playing Mark Lathwell, for whom only one match, later in the series, had been envisaged, and the standby batsman, Mark Ramprakash.

Things could be worse. Alec Stewart, whose dual role in these games as opening batsman and wicketkeeper is crucial to the team's balance, hurt his shoulder in an accidental collision with his Surrey teammate, Monte Lynch, on Sunday, but yesterday expressed himself confident of recovery.

The England party gathered in Manchester last night, after the conclusion of county games. The Australians have been in the city since Sunday, but their 24-hour advantage came to nothing when torrential rain rendered the Old Trafford practice facilities unusable.

Bob Simpson, the coach, tempered his frustration at an idle day with relief that the scare over Hughes had been resolved. "Merv had arthroscopy on his knee before the tour and we had been taking things easily with him," he said. "When the knee locked for a second at Northampton on Sunday, we sent him straight off to a doctor, but he has had the all-clear and is up for selection."

Defensive Notts, page 38

Sweet and sour day for rivals at Spurs

By John Goodbody

THE powerbase of Terry Venables at Tottenham Hotspur was further weakened yesterday when a board meeting dismissed Eddie Ashby, his friend, as a consultant to the Premier League club.

Alan Sugar, the club chairman, also reiterated that there could be no reconciliation with Venables, who last Friday successfully obtained a court injunction on his sacking as chief executive.

However both men involved in the power struggle at the north London club must have been delighted by the news from the stock exchange, where shares went up 14p yesterday to 103p. This may be partly because the club announced a profit for the year of £4 million. Sugar made £1.071 million yesterday on this rise because he owns 7,650,535 shares while Venables made £496,000 because he owns 3,542,938 shares.

Sugar, with whom Venables saved the club from Robert Maxwell in 1991 arrived at 7.45am for a ten-hour day to prepare the way for finalising the sacking of Ashby. Sugar had laid much of the blame for Venables' dismissal in the hands of Jonathan Crystal, another director and Ashby.

Ashby, an undischarged bankrupt, has been involved in 43 companies — 16 of these are in receivership, eight in liquidation and 15 have been struck off by the Register of Companies. However, Venables has always been loyal to his old friend and he was appointed a consultant to Tottenham plc in 1991. He played some role in the negotiations which led to the transfer of Paul Gascoigne to Lazio for £5.5m to help reduce the £18m debt that existed at Tottenham in 1991.

Venables arrived at White Hart Lane after Sugar yesterday and resumed his job as chief executive which he will hold at least until a High Court hearing on May 25.

Both Venables and Sugar attended the one-hour board meeting yesterday together with other directors, Colin Sandy and Tony Berry and Douglas Alexiou. Crystal was not present.

A spokesman for Sugar said afterwards that the chairman of Amstrad had made clear on Sunday that there was no chance of a reconciliation between the two men. "This is still the case." Venables is seeking someone to buy Sugar's shareholding in the club.

Sugar's spokesman said: "The chairman is very calm. He has been entirely himself and relaxed. Everyone was very civilised at the board meeting. The resolution was passed on Friday and only ratified today."

He stressed that Venables as chief executive was "free to come and go as he pleased." The former England internation was less forthcoming as he drove away from the club chased by the media and a clutch of supporters. He said he was unable to answer questions because of legal restraints. Asked if he was in better spirits than last Friday, he replied: "Yes."

There was a noticeable drop in the number of supporters compared to last Friday, although Sugar is counting on the absence of matches during the close season to stop any momentum of protest being generated. The Tottenham Independent Supporters' Association is to hold a meeting on Friday night and it expects 700 to attend.

Exchange enquiry, page 21

Dave Webb, who was released last week by Chelsea after three months as temporary manager, was yesterday appointed manager of Brentford. Webb, 47, succeeds Phil Holder, who was dismissed last Tuesday following Brentford's relegation to the second division. The position of Simon Stainrod, who was rumoured yesterday to have been sacked as Dundee's player-manager, is unlikely to be resolved until next week.



The pressure mounts: Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, arrives at White Hart Lane yesterday for another club board meeting

Leng's fine form sways selectors

By Jenny MacArthur

VIRGINIA Leng, winner of the Badminton Horse Trials earlier this month on Welton Houdini, is on her way back into the British three-day event team after a three-year absence. Leng, a former world and European champion, heads the longlist for the European championships in Achselschwang, Germany, from September 9 to 12 when Britain will attempt to win the title for the fifth successive occasion.

The 12-strong list, announced yesterday by Bridget Parker, the chairman of the selectors, is based on the form shown at Badminton. Mary Thomson and Richard Walker, members of the 1992 Olympic team, have not been included.

Leng, 38, has a formidable record to uphold. She was European champion on three successive occasions, in 1985, 1987 and 1989. Each time, she helped Britain to win the team gold medal. Her last European title, won on Master Craftsman, heralded three years of bad luck. In 1990 a leg injury kept "Crafty" out of



Leng: welcome return

Badminton and the world championships. Leng then broke an ankle and missed the 1991 European championships.

Her luck seemed to have changed when she was selected for the 1992 Olympic team after finishing runner-up at Badminton last year. But two weeks before the start of the Olympic Games, Master Craftsman's leg injury recurred. Leng was sorely missed in Barcelona where the British team went as favourites and finished sixth.

Karen Dixon is the only rider from that team included on the longlist. She and Get Smart have been members of the team since 1990 and are the most experienced partnership to have been chosen. She and Leng are likely to form the backbone of the team of four.

The leading contenders for the other two places are Tanya Cleverly, with Watkins, who came third at Badminton after a copybook performance, William Fox-Pitt with Chaka, who came seventh, and Charlotte Hollingsworth with The Cool Customer — winner of Burghley last year and eighth at Badminton.

Ian Stark, the European champion, did not have a suitable horse for Badminton but has the right to defend his title and may ride as an individual if his young horse, Clan Royal, shows good form at Punchestown this weekend.

The final trial for the British team will be the Kimberly-Clark Thirlestane Horse Trials in Berwickshire on August 21-22.

LONGLIST: H Bell (Troubleshooter), L Bevan (Horton Point, Buckley Province), N Burton (Bertie Blunt), T Cleverly (Watkins), K Dixon (Get Smart), W Fox-Pitt (Chaka), K Gifford (Song and Dance Man), A Harris (Ballycotton), F Hay Smith (Jobba the Hutt), C Hollingsworth (The Cool Customer), V Leng (Welton Houdini), O Moore (Locomotion)

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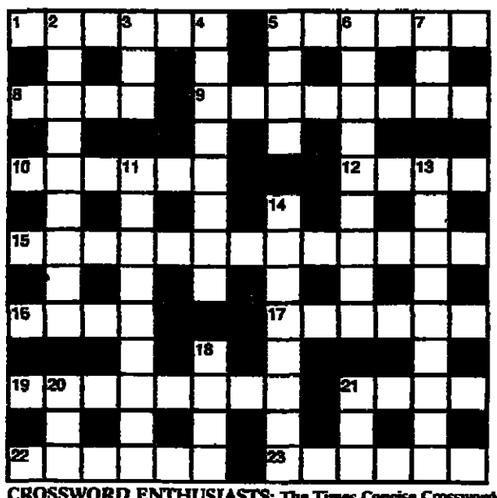
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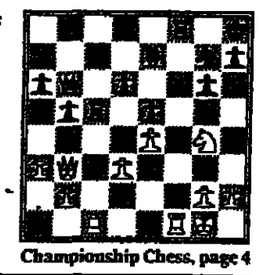
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This position is from the game Kratkowski — Lapsis, USSR 1982. White's cause appears hopeless: he is a whole piece down and threatened with a discovered check from the black rook on c5. How did he salvage the situation?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PROPOXUR
a. A first wife
b. A gladiator with an axe
c. An insecticide

KISSEL
a. A sweet porridge
b. The female mouth
c. Sea salt

TRISTUBH
a. A hendecasyllabic metre
b. Of a sorrowful countenance
c. Having triple branches

CARNAPTIOUS
a. Flesh-eating
b. Bad-tempered
c. Having four wings

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